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**Dinar at IL12.65**  
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter  
The exchange rate of the Jordanian dinar was last night raised in Israel administered areas from IL11.76 to IL12.65. The spokesman for the Judea and Samaria Command said that the move would be effective as of today in accordance with a decree issued by the Military Governor T/A Rafael Vardi.  
(The move was explained as the Jordanian finding its level in relation to the dollar.)

## Vietnam accord

KUO BISCAVNE, Florida (Reuters) — The White House yesterday announced final agreement on the withdrawal of U.S. troops and the release of the remaining 148 American prisoners in Indochina by Thursday.  
Mr. Nixon made the announcement after agreement was reached by the four-power Military Commission in Saigon, press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said.  
The pullback of American troops had been suspended because of problems over the release of prisoners held by the Vietnamese in South Vietnam and the Pathet Lao in Laos.  
Mr. Nixon ordered troops withdrawn to resume after Communist representatives on the joint Military Commission in Saigon handed over lists of the last prisoners to be released and a timetable for them to be set free.

In Saigon, the Vietnamese press officer said the 82 Americans held by the Vietnamese Provisional Revolutionary Government were to be flown out from Hanoi's Gia Lam airport yesterday evening. They would be followed from Gia Lam today by nine prisoners held by the Pathet Lao. The 107 Americans held by the North Vietnamese would be freed on Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

The spokesman said a Pathet Lao radio broadcast saying the Laotian Communists were ready to free the nine Americans captured in territory they control paved the way for the breakthrough.

A total of 5,324 American troops will be flown home on Wednesday and Thursday leaving behind the 325 American servicemen who make up the U.S. delegation to the Military Commission and 150 Marine guards for embassy buildings in Saigon.

## Italian F.M. arrives Suez Canal closure high on agenda

By DAVID LANDAU  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
The continued closure of the Suez Canal is expected to figure prominently in the discussions which Italian Foreign Minister Giuseppe Medici will hold today with Israel leaders.  
He is to have a second working session with Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban this morning, and will then confer with Prime Minister Golda Meir. Mr. Medici arrived yesterday for a three-day official visit.

The Italian Government is known to be concerned over the continued closure of the Canal, which is hampering that country's trade. The Italians also feel that the failure of Israel and Egypt to move towards peace leaves the Middle East dangerously close to confrontation.  
Mr. Eban told his visitor that, in Israel's belief, much has happened since the 1970 cease-fire to allay the threat of war in the region. The Soviet withdrawal from Egypt had localized the conflict, he said, and removed the spectre of big-power confrontation. Israel-Arab cooperation in the administered areas and

## Knesset fetes I.P.U. leader

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
Mr. Mario Terenzi, Secretary-General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, was yesterday guest of honor at a luncheon given by Speaker Yeshayahu, and was later guest at a luncheon given by chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Mr. Eban Zadoz, attended by representatives of all factions.  
Mr. Zadoz noted that, since he had taken over the post as Secretary-General, Mr. Terenzi had done much to enhance the stature of the organization, and on several occasions had brought Israel and Arab members "almost to direct negotiations." He had even managed, Mr. Zadoz said, to formulate a resolution acceptable to both sides.

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## Petrol, tobacco dearer today; milk, eggs, sugar up by Sunday

Jerusalem Post Staff  
Petrol is 12 per cent dearer and cigarettes 15 per cent more this morning in prices increases gazetted by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir last night. Other fuels also went up. Milk, eggs, sugar and flour are also likely to go up on or before next Sunday, April 1. The increases in the price of some basic foods emerged from a speech by the Minister in Jerusalem last night.  
Mr. Sapir stated the basic commodities which he suggested keep their present level of subsidies, indicating but not actually specifying the items whose prices will have to go up.

He said the price of edible oils, pond carp, coffee, instant coffee, margarine, tea, frozen chicken, potatoes, bread, cocoa, and rice should remain the same, with the subsidies increasing as world prices rise. It is plain from this that milk, eggs, sugar, wheat in the form of grain and flour (but not bread) would probably go up on April 1.

Mr. Sapir was addressing a joint meeting of the Alignment Knesset faction, the Alignment Economic Committee, and representatives of the Histadrut Central Committee. He had not succeeded in reaching an agreement with the Histadrut Central Committee at a meeting earlier in the day over the volume of subsidies, and was due to sit at a second meeting with them, expected to continue well past midnight. It was to be followed by meetings today of the Committee of Economic Ministers and the Knesset Finance Committee, where the final decisions were due to be taken. Since the 1973-4 State Budget is scheduled to be voted on Thursday, these two bodies must fix the total allocation for subsidies before then.

The fuel price increases were gazetted by the Finance Minister

after the Ministerial Economic Committee discussed the issue yesterday. The increases went into effect at midnight last night.  
The new price of petrol will be 81 agora a litre for 94 octane (as against the present price of 72 agorot), and 68 agora for 83 octane (now 60.5).  
Solar will go up by 17 per cent from 21.5 agora to a probable 24 agora. There will be a 12 per cent increase in the price of kerosene from 26 to 31 agora a litre. Cooking gas is also up from IL0.25 per 12 kg. to IL1.25.

Two thirds of the increase is in response to changes in world prices, and the remaining third is an extra tax "designed to reduce inflation." Fuel prices were last increased in August 1971, when the currency was devalued, but world petroleum prices have gone up several times since then, official circles point out.

## INDUSTRY

The price of heavy fuel oil for industry has not gone up. Cigarette prices have risen by an overall 15 per cent in the increases gazetted by the Finance Minister. Prices for some popular

## Turki group gets 2 to 17 years

By YAA'COV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA — The District Court yesterday imposed jail terms of from ten to 17 years on the five principal defendants in the Arab-Jewish espionage and sabotage ring. They had been found guilty on Sunday. The sixth defendant, Simon Hadad, who had pleaded guilty to an amended, lesser indictment at the start of the trial, was sentenced to two years, plus three years suspended.

The jail terms on the five, none of whom drew the maximum life term, equivalent to 20 years, were imposed for the most serious charge, aiding the enemy. Shorter terms were imposed for the other offences of which the defendants had been found guilty, but the sentences are to run concurrently. All sentences start from the day of their arrest, last December 5.

All the prisoners were evidently relieved that they had not been given maximum sentences, and Hadad broke into a bright smile of relief when his sentence was pronounced by Presiding Judge Emmanuel Slonim. He also remained seated, when the other five rose, apparently by a pre-arranged plan, as soon as the reading of the sentences was completed and in a defiant gesture started singing the Internationale, hymn of world Communism. Their police escorts immediately handcuffed them in pairs and hurried them out of the courtroom and into a police van, which sped them to prison.

Daoud Turki, 45, leader of the ring, and Elmad Adiv, 28, the leader of its Jewish section, drew the heaviest sentences — 17 years each. Subhi Na'arari, 28, and Anis Karawi, 23, both of whom have previous convictions for security offences, were sentenced to 15 years. Dan Vered, 28, the second Jew convicted, received 10 years.

The judges, Emmanuel Slonim, Abraham Frenkel and Mrs. Luba Fortuna, granted all the defendants leave to appeal.  
The number one courtroom of the District Court, in which the trial has been taking place for the past month, was crowded by 11 o'clock, when the judges were due to pronounce sentence. The accused appeared to be apprehensive, but tried

## Compromise move in Turkey is blocked

ANKARA (Reuters) — Outgoing President Cevdet Sunay last night blocked an attempt by Turkey's main political parties to promote a leading jurist as the next head of state.  
Only hours before, the parties had agreed on a compromise candidate, Mr. Muhittin Taylan, chairman of the Constitutional Court, in an effort to solve a 13-day crisis over the presidential election.

But President Sunay, whose term expires on Wednesday, apparently refused to appoint Mr. Taylan to the Senate — a necessary step since parliament picks the head of state from among the senators and deputies.

Mr. Eban said he hoped that Italian statesmanship within the European framework would help to bring the peoples of the Middle East together.

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## Total confrontation with Israel'

## Sadat takes over Egyptian Premiership

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter  
Egyptian President Anwar Sadat yesterday announced that he has assumed the Premiership of his country. Egypt is now entering an era of "total confrontation" with Israel, he said.  
The Egyptian President announced his move in a nation-wide speech which he broadcast shortly after a two-hour meeting with some 600 political leaders including his top aides, Parliament and the Central Committee of Egypt's only political party, the Arab Socialist Union.

A Cairo radio correspondent said last night that Sadat will head a new government to be formed today. The radio gave no hint on the structure of the new administration, but it indicated that the outgoing cabinet of Premier Aziz Sidky had been radically reshuffled. Deputy Premier and Minister of Information Abdel-Kader Hatem is seen likely to assume a more important post. The Ministers of War and Interior, General Ahmed Ismail Aly and Mamoudh Salem were likely to retain their posts.

The radio noted that among the people Sadat has been in contact with are two army generals who were likely to be included in the new Cabinet: Ahmed Abdul-Fattah, "in charge of preparing Egypt for war," and Ahmed Thabet, in charge of army supplies.

Sadat's dramatic take over of the Cabinet was made official yesterday morning when the President told the gathering of Egypt's political leaders that he was heading towards getting the Middle East situation moving "militarily."

The President said his recent diplomatic contacts over the Middle East crisis with the outside world had led him to the conclusion that the battle with Israel could no longer be delayed.

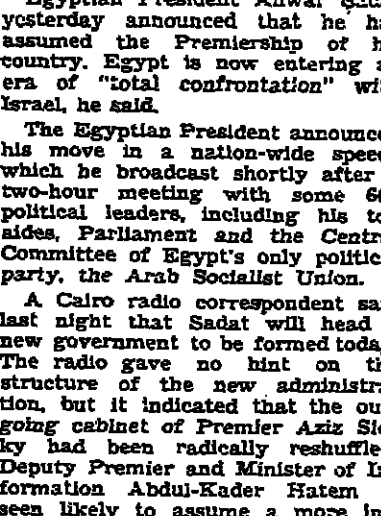
He warned his listeners that a future military adventure would require costly sacrifices, adding that there was no alternative to a total confrontation with Israel with all its risks.

Sadat reiterated that his country was determined not to concede one inch of its territory nor would it bargain on "the rights of the Palestinian people." He further asserted that Egypt would not agree to any form of negotiations with Israel.

However, Egypt would continue with its Middle East diplomatic contacts with the outside world, Sadat said, adding that such contacts "can be done before, during and after the battle."

In a review of Egypt's recent diplomatic contacts with the Big Powers, Sadat said he had told them all that the Middle East situation was about to explode.

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Egypt's President Anwar Sadat greets members of the central committee of the Arab Socialist Union and the People's Assembly in Cairo yesterday. Behind him, his portrait hangs alongside that of his predecessor, Gamal Abdel Nasser. (AP radiophoto)

He made a special mention of Cairo's recent contacts with Moscow, emphasizing that for the first time since the Russian exodus from Egypt last July the relations between the two countries were now friendly.

On the other hand, Sadat blasted the U.S. saying that Washington wanted Cairo to "make concessions to make the crisis move from dead centre."

The Egyptian President's change of emphasis is believed to stem from two major factors: despair at the continued deadlock towards a military solution to the crisis with Israel, and also the unstable domestic political situation, which Sadat hopes to overcome by pre-empting the Egyptian nation with an active confrontation with Israel.

Sadat is believed to have obtained the blessing of the Soviet Union for his new strategy. In an apparent attempt to antagonize the Soviets for the humiliating exodus from Egypt, Sadat has started to oust anti-Soviet elements from power in Cairo. Such a move has claimed outgoing Premier Aziz Sidky and the Secretary-General of the Arab Socialist Union, Sayyed Marei, who was yesterday replaced by former Minister of Education Mohammed Hafez Ghanem.



Prof. Katchalski told reporters what he believed were the requirements of the office for which he has been chosen by the party. He said: "The tasks of the President of Israel should be to unite the people... to restore Israel society to the greatness which is the legacy of the Jews... to foster Torah, wisdom, science and literature... to fight against social inequality and to help the government in power in its quest for peace."

## Katchalski back from U.S.

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
LOD AIRPORT. — Professor Ephraim Katchalski, the Labour Party's presidential candidate, arrived here last night from the U.S.

Prime Minister Golda Meir, Minister without Portfolio Yisrael Galili and Labour Party Secretary Aharon Yadin greeted the 57-year-old Weizmann Institute biophysicist as he alighted from an El Al jumbo jet from New York.

As he walked towards the lounge with Mrs. Meir at his side, Prof. Katchalski told *The Jerusalem Post*, "It's a pleasure to be back." Mrs. Meir added: "It's wonderful, just wonderful."

## Baltimore new leadership group pioneering method Bond Drive using computer to increase sales in 1973

Computerized campaigning combined with a program of activities fashioned in the spirit of the 70's make up the core of the New Leadership Division of the Israel Bond Campaign in Baltimore, Maryland, according to Martin R. Resnick. Mr. Resnick, who is Chairman of the New Leadership Division, leads a delegation of Bond leaders which arrived a week ago for an eight day visit.

"Many young people are really not aware of Israel's needs and what Israel stands for," Mr. Resnick said. He believes that knowing about Israel by reading about it and hearing about it is not enough. "Only by actually being here can young people feel what it's all about and what we are working for."

The successful launching of a New Leadership Division in Baltimore came after four years of fruitless work to establish a cadre of young leaders which could take over gradually from the veteran community leadership. The example was now set the pattern for other communities in the U.S. and Canada.

"The breakthrough in Baltimore is attributed to a painstaking search for the right type of candidates to take key positions in a carefully prepared programme to cover every trade and profession in the Maryland area. In practical terms, this will require mobilization of about 8,000 young (new) leaders.

More than 2,000 young men have already filled out questionnaires listing valuable personal data regarding business and social contacts and detailing their own Bond purchase histories. This information has been fed into a computer so that full and accurate information is readily available for calling up "the troops" in any particular trade or profession to go to work for the Bond campaign.

According to Bond City Manager, Harry Diamond, the 28 new leaders of the delegation now in Israel will begin by enrolling their own friends and business contacts as soon as they return to Maryland. He reported that the New Leadership Division has underwritten half a million dollars of the 1973 Bond campaign in Maryland which expects to raise \$12 million. Mr. Diamond expected the New Leadership Division would increase its share to \$1 million by 1974.

In addition to Mr. Resnick, President of Martin's Caterers, and Mrs. Resnick, the delegation members include Donald Chalmish, Director, New Leadership Division; Arnold G. Cohen, Associate Chairman, Maryland Bond Committee, President, Mercantile Club, Executive Vice President, Elias Wolf Corp., and Mrs. Cohen;



In meeting with the Minister of Commerce and Industry yesterday, members of the Baltimore New Leadership Delegation discussed the government's policy for encouraging industrial development. (Left to right): Minister Haim Bar-Lev, Martin R. Resnick, Chairman New Leadership Division, Arnold G. Cohen, Associate Chairman Maryland Committee for Israel Bonds. (Ilani)

Harry Diamond, City Manager Baltimore Bond campaign, and Mrs. Diamond; Dr. Moises Fralman, Chairman New Leadership Medical Division, and Mrs. Fralman; Arnold Fleischmann, Chairman Lawyers Division, President Chervra Ahavas Chesed, and Mrs. Fleischmann; Richard Greenberg, New Leadership Pharmacists Division, and Mrs. Greenberg; Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Hartman; Zell Hurwitz, Vice Chairman, Industry and Finance and Synagogue Division, Vice Chairman, Baltimore Council of Orthodox Congregations, Vice President Zionist District, President Sharon Building and Loan Association, and Mrs. Hurwitz; Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Muher; Bernard Naiditch, Synagogue Division Chairman — Liberty Jewish Center, owner DRC Roofing Inc., and Mrs. Naiditch; Norman Polovoy, Deputy Attorney General of Maryland, and Mrs. Polovoy; Nathan Schwartz, Annapolis Chairman for Bonds, Board Chairman and Past President Maryland Pharmaceutical Association, and Mrs. Schwartz; Israel Bonds Women's Division Chairman for Annapolis; and Dr. Ronald J. Taylor.

The Baltimore group has been touring development projects in various parts of the country which are financed with Bond investments. More than half of the government's Development Budget comes from sales of Israel Bonds. Following a flight to Sinai and visit to fortifications along the Suez Canal, the group met with senior army officers for briefing on security matters.

While in the Galilee area, on

their return from the Golan Heights, they were entertained to lunch at the home of Deputy Minister of Communications Sheikh Jaber Musaid, in the Druze village of Tyrsa. In Tyberias, they called on former Prime Minister Ben Gurion, who was vacationing at a lakeside hotel.  
During their visit in Jerusalem yesterday, the delegation met with Minister of Commerce and Industry, Haim Bar-Lev and lunch at the Knesset Building with Minister of Tourism, Moshe Kol. They also met Michael A. Elizar, Director of the North American Desk at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, for a political briefing. Today they are the guests of the Israel Defence Forces during a visit to an army base. They leave Israel for home tomorrow.  
Summing up the expected results of the delegation's visit, Mr. Resnick, who is also National Young Leadership Division for Bonds Co-Chairman, said that the group now realizes that a strong Israel means a strong America. Commenting that for most this was their first visit to Israel, he said, "We came, we saw and we were convinced." He felt they had undergone a strong emotional experience when they met with newly arrived immigrants from the Soviet Union. "But the most unforgettable moments of our visit were undoubtedly the meeting with David Ben Gurion," he said. "It's not often one has the privilege of being with a man who has become a legend in his own time." (Communicated by Israel Bonds)

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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Warm and dry, mainly inland and in the hilly areas, with variable amount of high clouds.

Weather synopsis: Trough from Red Sea to East Mediterranean causing dry air inflow.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's Forecast
Jerusalem	24	15-24	12-22
Golan	13	5-21	3-19
Nahariya	51	7-22	10-21
Safed	22	12-20	10-19
Haifa	77	14-25	12-23
Nazareth	13	16-24	14-23
Tiberias	31	12-27	14-27
Alula	17	8-26	7-26
Shomron	27	16-23	14-23
Tel Aviv	39	12-24	11-22
Lod	24	9-27	7-26
Jericho	26	11-26	14-23
Gaza	65	10-22	12-23
Beersheba	14	12-27	11-27
Eilat	11	14-33	13-33
Tiran	48	18-33	18-33

## Social and Personal

An Israel Bonds delegation from Berlin yesterday called on the Governor of the Bank of Israel, Mr. Moshe Sanbar. Members of the delegation had lunch on Saturday at the Yarka home of Deputy Minister of Finance, Minister Jaber Muzali. The delegation includes Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Strick, Mr. and Mrs. Reinhardt Meyer, Dr. and Mrs. Franz Imhof, and Mr. Benjamin Rosen.

Another Israel Bonds delegation, from Baltimore, met yesterday with the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Haim Bar-Lev, and lunch with Tourism Minister Moshe Kol at the Knesset.

A reception was given by Mrs. Shlomo Goren, wife of the Chief Rabbi, at the Savoy home of Mr. and Mrs. Jules Nordlicht on Sunday for special gift donors of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America. Among those present were Dinah Dyckman, honorary national president and chairman of the Million Dollar Fund; Belle Gitelman, chairman of the Israel Board of Trustees; and Rose Sacks, chairman of the "Council of Hugin" in Israel.

Eliezer Livne is to speak on How Not to Absorb Immigrants, Housing Ministry Director-General Yosef Sharon will speak on Housing Policy, and author Shmuel Golan will give an appreciation of the late Haim Hazaz at the Jerusalem Vocal Newspaper on Friday, March 30, at 8.30, Beit Ha'am.

## DEPARTURES

Menahem Begin, M.K., to Geneva, on his way to the U.S., on a United Israel Appeal mission (by El Al).

Avraham Agmon, Director-General of the Treasury, to Europe, for a meeting of the President of the Economic Conference (by El Al).

Dr. Amos Manor, secretary of the Seventh Behovot Conference, to South-east Asia, on Conference business (the Conference is to be held in September on Economic Problems of Developing Countries).

## Court hears appeal on 'who's a cosmopolitan'

The Supreme Court was asked yesterday for a declaratory judgment to allow a man — registered as Jewish during his childhood — to change his classification to "cosmopolitan."

The applicant, Yehaya Schick, who is secretary of the Alonai Yitzhak Youth Village, stated that when he arrived in Israel at the age of 11, his mother registered him as Jewish. But from the age of 16, he said, he has no longer felt himself Jewish, but "cosmopolitan."

Despite the fact that Mr. Schick had no difficulty in registering his two daughters as having no "le'om" (national affiliation), the Interior Ministry refused to change his own status. The Ministry argued that, once registered as Jewish, a citizen needs a declaratory judgment from a court to have his status changed. The District Court refused to do this and Mr. Schick appealed to the Supreme Court.

Mr. Schick's lawyer, Yosef Ben-Menashe, argued that it is every citizen's basic right, upon reaching adulthood, to decide on his national affiliation.

(The le'om category in the Israeli identity card refers not to citizenship but to "peoplehood." Its primary purpose is to distinguish between Jews and non-Jews.)

The three-man bench, of Justices Berenson, Witkon and Etzioni, will hand down its ruling at a later date.

THE CORNERSTONE was laid Sunday for the Lady Davis Menashe technology centre being established at the Mevot Iron regional high school near Ein Shemer kibbutz, in cooperation with the Histadrut's Amal vocational school network.

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## CITY COMPTROLLER AND OMBUDSMAN REPORT

# Illiterate woman didn't have to pay her rates twice

## Inferior concrete used in Jerusalem buildings

By ABRAHAM BABINOVICH

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An illiterate Yemenite woman who was asked to pay the Arnona rates she had already paid, an Arab homeowner whose driveway was blocked by barbed wire from an adjacent army camp, and a crippled veteran who had difficulty finding parking space within easy walking distance of his home were among the 843 Jerusalem residents who appealed to the Municipal Ombudsman in 1972.

Their cases are outlined in the annual report of the Ombudsman, Shlomo Kadar, released today.

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The Comptroller reserved his sharpest criticism for the Engineering Department. The flouting of building regulations, he charged, has become almost routine on the part of contractors, public building companies and individuals.

He noted that one contractor was found to have made substantial illegal additions to five buildings he had built during the previous five years. These included the addition in one building of three apartments, each of three rooms, the addition of four rooms to existing apartments and the construction of a store. The contractor was fined, but has recently begun to build again without a permit, "thus far without any reaction from the Municipality."

The Comptroller warned that the permissive attitude the Municipality displays towards contractors encourages building violations.

The Municipal Engineer's Department also took longest to answer letters from the public, the report says. Thirty-six per cent of letters were not answered within a month, and some for not more than half a year. In the Public Health Department, only two per cent of letters are not answered in less than a month and 73 per cent were answered within two weeks.

The Comptroller reported that a number of Municipal departments had had their phones cut off during the year because of non-payment of telephone bills. He noted that the Communications Ministry had agreed not to cut off Municipality phones in the future and that arrangements had been made to speed up the payment of bills.

Investigating charges of discrimination from Sephardi parents who were unable to register their children in a certain school (not identified but reportedly Demark), the Comptroller found that there had been some administrative mishandling but no discrimination. Of the 120 new pupils in the school, he found, 44 per cent were of Sephardi origin, 14 per cent from Western countries, 23 per cent Israeli-born and 19 per cent "mixed."

The Comptroller estimated that there are hundreds of children who do not attend school at all or attend irregularly. He called for better tracking of these truants. (He noted in a follow-up report that a decision was recently made to increase the number of attendance officers.)

nothing can be changed in it." He said he regretted the decline of local authority, "the fault of the government as much as ours."

The budget item which aroused the wrath of the religious parties was the inclusion of a IL850,000 allocation for the municipal theatre. The theatre has staged a play, "Status Quo Vadis," which is highly critical of alleged religious coercion. The three religious party councillors yesterday called the play a public disgrace, shameful, anti-Semitic and shocking. They had threatened to vote against the entire budget until early yesterday, when the city management agreed to a separate vote for the theatre allocation.

YADLIN — Why Histadrut poll should be delayed

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour party Secretary-General Aharon Yadin yesterday explained why former Mapai members of the Labour Party think the Histadrut elections, due to be held before September 11, should be postponed.

The primary reason, Mr. Yadin told a meeting of the party leadership bureau secretariat here, was that, because of the "war on the

Cabinet" being urged by Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, it would be difficult to hold the Histadrut poll with the general elections coming just a month after.

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The annual Israel Police report issued yesterday revealed that crimes and misdemeanors increased in 1972 by 4.3 per cent — not much more than the 3.5 per cent increase in population. The crime increases in 1971 and 1970 were 6 per cent and 9.5 per cent respectively.

Police Spokesman Michael Bochner told the press yesterday that police were prepared to accept even an 8-10 per cent annual increase in crime as "natural growth" in view of the increasing population and of the increasing number of visitors from abroad.

Murder was up 17 per cent from 31 cases in 1971 to 49 cases. Of these, six were connected with robberies, six were caused by infiltrators and two by fire from across the border. Most of the rest were the result of squabbles between relatives or neighbours.

Armed robbery, one of the greatest causes of public concern in recent years, declined sharply in the second half of the year after the arrest of a gang of bank robbers in Ashdod led to the solution of 12 other robberies carried out by the same group.

BOBBERIES DROP

In all, the 199 instances of robbery or attempted robbery in 1972 represented a drop of 2.1 per cent. Rapes were up by 30 per cent, a total of 504 instances. The majority of these were cases of statutory rape involving minors.

White collar crimes such as embezzlement and issuing cheques that had no cover were up by 30 per cent, a total of 5,923 cases. The number of burglaries or attempted burglaries declined slightly from 35,122 cases to 34,983, a drop of 0.4 per cent.

"For the first time in years," the report states, "a substantial decline in crime was recorded in the Tel Aviv District." One of the reasons cited was the seconding of Border Police units to the city. The report noted that a small number of Border Police were also introduced in Jerusalem late in the year. The number in the Capital will be augmented soon.

Considerable success had been scored in curtailing hoodlums in the big cities, the report said.

Although the number of motor vehicles on the road increased from 296,000 to 330,440 last year, traffic fatalities (661) declined by one per cent compared with the increase of 24 per cent the year before. The number of accidents (15,333) was up 3.7 per cent.

A marked drop in drug offences was attributed to the press conference to the declining availability of drugs in the country. Tat-Nitzav Yeheskel Karti, head of the Special Duties Department, said that a kilogram of hashish which cost IL700-IL800 a few years ago

now costs IL2,000. Only 213 kg. of hashish were impounded by police last year, compared with 430 kg. in 1



# Petrol terminal probing how motorists got water in their tanks

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
TEL AVIV. — The central petrol supply terminal is investigating a technical failure in their petrol containers which led to several cars in the Tel Aviv area being supplied with watered-down petrol on Sunday.

Because of an accident at the Gilot petrol terminal, north of here, a number of petrol stations in the Tel Aviv area, mainly those belonging to Paz, received petrol mixed with water. Cars whose tanks were filled up at these stations soon discovered (the majority of them after a few hundred metres) that you can't run a car on water.

Mr. Zecharia Gidron, manager of Gilot Terminal Ltd., which runs the central petrol supply terminal told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that all their huge containers contain small quantities of water, which, being heavier than petrol, sink to the bottom of the container. The water is used as a means of checking if there are leaks in the containers. To ensure that no water from the bottom is drawn into the petrol tanks, the suction hoses inside the containers are tied to the top by steel cable and chains.

What happened on Sunday was a freak accident. Both the cable and chains became loose and the

suction hose dropped to the bottom, pumping water instead of petrol into the tanker. We have formed an investigation committee to find out how both the chains and steel cable became loose. From the preliminary investigation, we have ruled out the possibility that it was done deliberately by someone. This was just a technical mishap," Mr. Gidron said.

Mr. Aris Bar-Gur, spokesman for Paz, told The Post that such an incident had never occurred in Israel before. He promised that every car owner who had been sold watered petrol by his company would be compensated for any expenses he had incurred (such as towing, and garage costs).

## Covers hit-and-run cases: Bid to publicize fund for uninsured victims

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
TEL AVIV. — Karnit (Keren Le-nifga'at Teimot), a fund for road accident victims founded by the Insurance Companies Association to cover uninsured cases such as hit-and-run accidents, paid out about IL750,000 in 1972, the Chairman of the board of directors, Aharon Sacharov, told the press here yesterday.

Mr. Sacharov claimed that many persons who are eligible to receive money from the fund do not know of its existence. "There are even lawyers dealing with such cases who do not know of our existence. We have therefore started an information campaign to inform persons of their rights," he said.

Mr. Sacharov said the fund has over IL100m. in reserve. Income derives from one per cent of the prem-

iums of all vehicle insurance policies (which totalled IL230m. in 1972). Sagged, Dan and the Ministry of Defense gave token contributions. Mr. Michael Zeltner, managing director of Karnit, said that the fund is about to become a statutory company, which will give an accident victim legal right to sue it. Mr. Zeltner added: "We hope that the Knesset will soon pass a law for the care of traffic accident victims, which would give us a clearer legal status, including all appeals committees. Up to now a person dissatisfied with our judgment can appeal only to the Controller of Insurance."

## Golan Druse says village condemns subversives

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
BUKATA. — The head of this Druse village in the Golan, Sheikh Mohammed Ali Farhat, told the visiting Knesset Labour Committee on Sunday that his entire village condemned the "tiny subversive element" involved in the pro-Syrian spy networks.

(Six residents of Bukata are currently in detention as suspects in the spy ring uncovered last month.) Bukata villagers told The Jerusalem Post privately, later, that a clear-cut declaration of intent by the Government to annex the Golan would eliminate problems of subversion.

The touring Knesset Members were told yesterday that some 57 per cent of the Druse wage-earners from the Golan Heights have jobs outside the Golan area, in every part of Israel and in Sinai. Labour Ministry Director-General Arye Gurel said Druse workers from the Golan are the only ones from beyond the Green Line allowed to join pension funds such as Mitvashim.

## 8 terror suspects held in Khan Yunis

Eight young men from Khan Yunis in the Gaza Strip were arrested on Sunday on suspicion of organizing for purposes of sabotage. They are thought to be responsible for throwing hand-grenades on several occasions, including an attack on the Unrwa offices in Khan Yunis in November, 1972, the Army spokesman said yesterday.



President Shazar accepts the scroll to the forest being planted in his name in Jerusalem from the hands of Ya'akov Tsaur, Chairman of the Jewish National Fund, who at one point was in the running to succeed Mr. Shazar.

## 80,000-TREE FOREST DEDICATED BY SHAZAR

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
President Shazar yesterday dedicated an 80,000-tree forest near Jerusalem which was planted in his honour by Jewish National Fund contributors in 16 countries. The forest, half of which is already planted, lies beyond Samhedria to the north of the city, just within the pre-1967 boundary.

Mr. Shazar said he was deeply moved by this gift of trees, which symbolized new and eternal life just as his own career of public service was drawing to its close. He hoped the donors' children would live in Israel and sit in the shade of the trees.

Prime Minister Golda Meir said

Mr. Shazar had made the President's Residence into a living and vibrant centre for Jews from Israel and the Diaspora. He had filled it with Judaism, tradition, culture and literature, she said.

J.N.F. Chairman Ya'akov Tsaur wished Mr. Shazar long years of happy walks through the glades of his forest, "in the footsteps of the Prophet Samuel," whose tomb is nearby.

Attending the ceremony were several hundred new immigrants, and the Philippines Ambassador, Dr. Rafaelita Soriano, who had contributed towards the forest. Her contribution was "a beautiful gesture," Mr. Tsaur said.



The ringleaders of the Jewish-Arab spy network, sitting in the dock as their sentences were read out yesterday: (left to right) Simon Haddad, Anis Karawi, Dan Vered, Subhi Na'arari, Ehsad Adiv and Ismail Turki.

## SIX SENTENCED

(Continued from Page One) stands above every other consideration," he said. They could not ignore that the organization had intended to bring down the Government through armed struggle, he added. The sentences were all to run concurrently, in view of the mitigating fact that the offences had been committed within the framework of a single activity, albeit over a long period.

They gave Turki a total of 47 years and noted that they had not considered it fitting to impose the maximum life sentence, as demanded by District Attorney Yitzhak Grabli for the gravest charge of aiding the enemy in its war against Israel.

Ehsad Adiv, the ex-paratrooper and former kibbutznik, who was a student at Haifa University when he was arrested, had been "the moving spirit among the Jewish members," the court found. He had gone abroad twice to meet Kibawej, had trained in arms, had brought back money to finance the organization, passed secret information, had been in contact with the enemy and had conspired to collect information, all for the purpose of overthrowing the government. He had not expressed any regret in his final plea, but his clear record was taken into consideration.

He received a total of 69 years, the heaviest sentence of all. He was the only one to get two 17-year terms, both for aiding the enemy and for conspiring to pass information to the enemy. But like the other accused, he will serve all the sentences concurrently to a total of 17 years.

The judges ruled that Subhi Na'arari, a Beduin mechanic of Bnei-Natun, had played only a minor part in the organization, but they had to take into consideration that he had been sentenced to six years in jail in 1964, partly for security offences (he had crossed into the Gaza Strip). He had joined the group one month after his release. Furthermore, he too had expressed no remorse. He was given a total of 33 years.

Dan Vered, the Tel Aviv mathematics teacher, had also played a minor part in the ring and for only a short period. He had a clean record, but had expressed no remorse in his final plea. In his favour, the judges ruled that he had not known in advance that he was to meet an enemy agent, having realized this only in Damascus, and the information he passed had not been vital. He was given a total of 23 years.

Anis Karawi, of Sukaram, had gone to Damascus fully intending to collect information and recruited a member to the organization. He also had served two-and-a-half years in jail for a security offence (he too, crossed into Gaza, in 1966) and had joined the network shortly after his release. He had not expressed any remorse. He was given a total of 37 years.

As to Simon Haddad, the former teacher and Haifa University student, the judges found he had accepted Turki's proposal to join the ring, but had broken away after one month. During the next two years, until his arrest, he had not made any contacts with its members and

# High Court takes up marriage cases

The High Court yesterday issued two orders nisi on applications from citizens whom the Jewish religious authorities have prevented from marrying.

The first order was issued against the Ministry of Interior at the request of a Ramat Gan cohen who had married a divorcee in a civil ceremony. The appellant wants to be recognized as married, but the Ministry clerks, acting on the basis of a religious court judgment, refused to register him as such and advised him "to obtain a (civil) divorce immediately."

The Ministry has been given 30 days in which to show cause why it should not register the couple as married.

The appellant claims the judgment he obtained in the religious court says his private marriage was unlawful, but further says that neither he nor his unrecognized wife can marry anyone else unless they get a civil divorce. The cohen says this statement in the judgment — that he and his wife must divorce before either can marry again — should be enough to compel the registration authorities in the Interior Ministry to register them as married.

**WANTS TO REMARRY**  
The second order was issued against the Supreme Rabbinical Court at the request of a Tel Aviv man, Edmond Talb. It orders the religious court to show cause within 30 days why it should not submit an opinion to the High Court concerning Mr. Talb's request to remarry.

Mr. Talb, who is Jewish, says he married a French Catholic woman in a civil ceremony in Paris in 1949. In 1967, the couple were legally separated in Paris, and they have been living apart ever since. When the appellant applied to the High Court in Jerusalem for permission to remarry (the High Court has jurisdiction in "special cases" such as this, where the religious courts do not), the President asked the Attorney-General to obtain an opinion from the religious courts.

Mr. Talb says the Supreme Rab-

binical Court has refused to submit its opinion until it receives a declaration from his estranged wife in Paris concerning her religious status. This is despite the fact that he has already filed a declaration in the rabbinical court concerning the entire matter, including his wife's religious status.

The appellant claims that the religious court's request for a declaration from his wife is illegal, since it is the High Court — and not the religious courts — which determines a person's religion in such a case. He further claims that the religious court's refusal to submit an opinion is merely "a new obstacle in a series of illegal obstacles which that court places in the path of couples who wish to separate." (Times)

## Double jeopardy

**PETAH TIKVA.** — A man on trial for a traffic violation was issued a second summons for the same offence when he "set out" accompanied by the judge, to prove his innocence.

Shmuel Gabor, from Petah Tikva, was charged at the Traffic Court here with crossing a solid white line. He argued in his defence that the policeman who issued the summons could not possibly have seen whether the white line was crossed.

Judge Mordechai Bartur and police prosecutor Rav-Samuel Moshe Gaon agreed to accompany Gabor to the site. But on their way there, Rav-Samuel Gaon issued another summons to Gabor for crossing a solid white line — this time with the judge witnessing the offence. Judge Bartur ordered the party to return to the court without bothering to complete the trip. (Times)

## Anti-missionary activists to take action to church

**By DAVID LANDAU**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Jewish anti-missionary activists plan to distribute "Jewish missionary material" to worshippers at churches in Jerusalem this Sunday. The activists, members of the "Association for the Prevention of Missionary Activities," intend to demonstrate in this way their support for tougher anti-missionary legislation.

The association's spokesman, Tel Aviv journalist Shaul Shiff, said he anticipated that the activists' planned action would lead to protests from Christian leaders. But there was nothing illegal in it as the law stood at present — and therefore the authorities could do nothing, he said.

The same was true in the case of Christian missionary activities among Jews, which, he said, were increasing. They were not illegal under the present law and new legislation was needed to curb them.

**THE COURTS** have recently been cracking down on dairymen who water down their milk. In one case, Gussia Kamus of Tirat Yehuda, near Ben Shimon, was fined IL1,000 for diluting his milk by 51 per cent.

## Million dollar suitcase seized at Lod Airport

**LOD AIRPORT.** — Customs authorities here have impounded a suitcase containing packages of U.S. and other currencies together worth about \$1m., which was brought in by an Israeli arriving on Sunday night on a flight from Nairobi. The man is being questioned.

Instead of taking the suitcase through customs, the man tried to place it in the baggage check. But suspicious customs inspectors opened it.

The man claimed he was not trying to bring the money into the country. He said it did not belong to him and that he was transferring it to a Swiss bank at the request of the owners. Asians living in an African country. These people were concerned over their future and were prohibited from sending money out of the country. (Times)

## IL210,000 in silver probably stolen at Lod

**LOD AIRPORT.** — Some IL210,000 worth of silver granules which were placed aboard an El Al plane in London bound for Israel and then disappeared were apparently stolen at Lod Airport, police investigators said yesterday.

The shipment, consisting of 400 kg. of silver granules in sacks and another 200 kg. in cartons, was due to have been delivered here on March 15. Only the shipment in the cartons was found at Lod.

Police are convinced the sacks were stolen during the four hours that elapsed from the time the cargo was taken off the plane and the time they reached customs. The investigation continues. (Times)

## Six Chagall window stamps issued

Stamps showing six of the Chagall windows in the synagogue at Hadassah Hospital in Ein Karem, Jerusalem, were issued yesterday by the Ministry of Communications. A further six are to be issued in August.

The six stamps issued yesterday, each of IL1, show the windows of Reuben, Shimon, Levi, Yehuda, Zebulun and Issachar, Jacob's six oldest sons.

A ceremony took place at the synagogue yesterday to mark the event, which was attended by Communications Minister Shimon Peres, the French Ambassador, Mr. Francis Hure and the National President of Hadassah, Mrs. Max Matsich.

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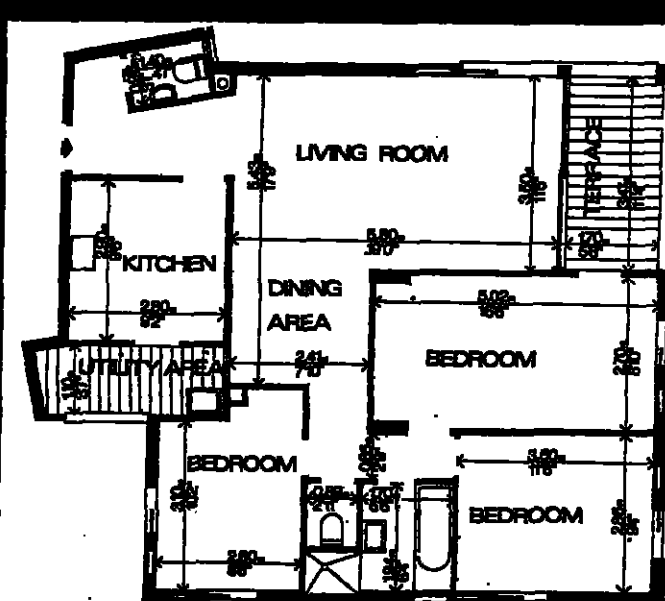
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## Bhutto offers to talk with opposition

ISLAMABAD (Reuters). — President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto yesterday intervened in Pakistan's latest constitution crisis with an offer of talks with the opposition on condition they end their boycott of the National Assembly.

A presidential statement read in the Assembly by the Minister of Law and Parliamentary Affairs, Abdul Hafiz Pirzada, said there was no question of talks if the opposition refused to return.

The minister spoke at the first sitting of the Assembly since the opposition United Democratic Front (UDF), comprising seven political parties and some independents, announced a boycott of the Assembly until their demands for constitutional amendments are accepted by the President.

The move followed some of the worst scenes of violence seen in Pakistan when firing interrupted a public meeting called by the UDF in Rawalpindi on Friday. Nine men were killed and 65 were wounded.

## Saudi 'planning pact with Iran'

BAGHDAD (Reuters). — A South Yemeni minister said yesterday that Saudi Arabia was planning to form military alliances with Iran and other countries "to protect reactionary regimes and collapsing sultanates."

Mr. Abdullah al Khameiri, Minister of Information, charged that Iran had been engaged "in hostile activity in order to tighten its grip on the Arabian Gulf and expand its occupation of Red Sea islands."

Saudi Arabia, he said, was trying to sabotage his country's union agreement with the (North) Yemen Arab Republic.

## 'Fortune' magazine warns — 'Oil money a disruptive force'

NEW YORK (AP). — "Fortune" magazine this week called the present and potential dangers in the huge accumulation of money by the petroleum exporting states "nightmarish" to the West and also to Middle East peace.

On Sunday, the "New York Times" cautioned against the dangers of increasing potential "disruptive force" in world monetary systems by the dollars and other currencies held by Middle East rulers as they increase prices for their badly-needed oil. The "Times" urged the high oil-consuming nations to get together on a coordinating energy policy to avert ruinous competition for the oil flow.

"Fortune's" commentary came in connection with a review of a book called "The World Petroleum Market" by American professor and economist M. A. Adelman, who urged the consumer nations to stand up more firmly to the petroleum exporters.

"Fortune" said: "Among the newer sources of nightmare to trouble the sleep of the world is the huge and ever expanding flow of money from oil-importing to oil-exporting countries. Having

ganged up to win big increases in their take in the last few years, members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) currently bite on close to \$15 billion a year in royalties and taxes on oil.

"Some of the money goes to improve the lot of people, still poor by Western standards, and that's fine. But what does not go into constructive uses at home already stirs quite a lot of trouble abroad. Funds piled up in the accounts of Saudi Arabia, Libya and other oil countries have lately been a major force of disruption in international money markets."

"Oil finances Palestinian terrorism. Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan strongman, talks of using oil wealth to export revolution. By sustaining Arab hopes of doomsday destroying Israel, the giver of money foretells the possibility of peace in the Middle East. And the worst is yet to come, it seems. As oil exports expand and the bite for barrel gets bigger too, the flow of money and the potentialities for mischief will swiftly grow," "Fortune" said.

But there are signs that the importing countries are beginning to see where their interests lie. Just recently, Walter Levy, an eminent oil economist, urged that the U.S. should take the lead in bringing the major oil-importing nations together in a united front. Cooperative action by the importing countries, he said, "is absolutely necessary to avoid or at least to contain unrestrained use or misuse of bargaining power by the oil-producing countries... Even the Europeans have begun to see the seriousness of the challenge and to think in terms of doing something about it..." the magazine ended.

Meanwhile, Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' experts are scheduled to open a session in Vienna today.

Observers said they would demand a minimum of 10 per cent price boosts for their oil.

Opec accounts for 80 per cent of the world's oil production. It comprises the six Persian Gulf producers, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, Qatar and Iran, and Venezuela, Indonesia, Libya, Algeria and Nigeria.

## Noel Coward dies at 73

LONDON (UPI). — Sir Noel Coward died from a heart attack yesterday in Jamaica, his agent said here. He was 73.

The British playwright, author and actor was born in Teddington, England. He had resided in Jamaica almost 20 years after leaving Britain for tax reasons.

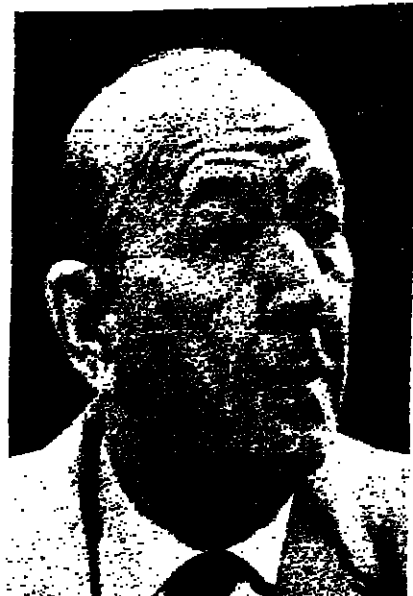
During his career, he made many stage and film performances both in the U.S. and Britain, often in his own plays. His last role was that of a British gangland leader in the film, "The Italian Job," with Michael Caine.

His best-known plays include "Blithe Spirit," "Bitter Sweet," "Brief Encounter," and "Cavalcade." His films included "Around the World in 80 Days," and "Our Man in Havana."

A noted wit, Coward first entered the theatre as an actor when he was 11 years old. By the time he was 21, he had written his first play, "I'll Leave it to You." Another 13 plays, revues and an operetta followed before he reached 30.

A daring young playwright of the 1920s, Coward became the darling of the mass public in the 1930s, and lived long enough to see his plays drift out of fashion and come back in a wave of revivals in the 1960s.

A revival of his famous play of the 1930s, "Private Lives," and an



Noel Coward

anthology of his songs and sketches, "Cowardly Custard," are currently playing before packed houses in London.

"Summing myself up," he once said, "I would say that I have a talent to amuse, that I write a very good dialogue and that I have a strong and noble character as well."

## Blind tourist from Canada climbs Masada

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A blind Canadian, 57, on Saturday ascended Masada via the Snake Path in 37 minutes, of climbing plus 19 minutes of halts.

Nathan Micay, of Winnipeg, here with his wife on a group tour, used guide Avi Berkovich of Netanya to help him realize his dream. Raising his hand lightly on Berkovich's shoulder, Mr. Micay completed the ascent without difficulty. At the top he was greeted by the admiring applause of a group of Swedish tourists.

Mr. Micay, a lifelong Zionist, on his first visit here, has been 98 per cent blind since birth. This did not stop him from building up a thriving sporting goods business with 50 employees in his native city. A physical training enthusiast, Mr. Micay runs two kilometres every day (keeping elbow touch with a fellow runner). During his visit here he played golf at Caesarea and swam in the Dead Sea.

Accompanied by his wife (the couple have three sons), Mr. Micay deprecates his feat and said: "I don't think enough tourists climb Masada." On the way down, he took the cable car.

## Brezhnev to visit Warsaw next month

WARSAW (AP). — Soviet party secretary Leonid Brezhnev will visit Warsaw from April 25 to 28 for top-level talks with Polish Communist party chief Edward Gierek, informed sources said yesterday.

So far there has been no official announcement of the trip — the second foreign tour by Mr. Brezhnev in three months. In February, he was the only East bloc leader to go to Prague for the 25th anniversary of Communist rule in Czechoslovakia.

Mr. Brezhnev's Polish visit is regarded by Warsaw diplomats as somewhat "due." He was last in Poland in December, 1971, when he attended the sixth congress of the Polish Communist party.

## Six JDL members arrested in N.Y.

NEW YORK (INA). — Six JDL members were arrested at a demonstration in front of the Soviet Mission to the U.N. on East 67th St. on Sunday. Two were released and four were held on charges ranging from disorderly conduct to resisting arrest and obstructing Government property.

Five hundred persons took part in the demonstration which, according to a JDL spokesman, was called to protest against recent Soviet attempts to ease the imposition of the education tax on Russian Jews seeking to emigrate to Israel. The protest called for the total elimination of the tax and freedom for imprisoned Russian Jews such as Sylvia Zaimonson.

## BOTH SIDES WARN: Europe must accommodate U.S. in trade talks

AMSTERDAM (UPI). — European and American leaders said yesterday that Europeans must not press the United States so hard in trade and monetary talks that they risk a transatlantic breach.

"Nato-Europe must be aware of the political atmosphere in the U.S.," New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller told a Europe-American conference. He said this atmosphere embodied a "trend toward isolationism" that is aggravated by the U.S. balance of payments deficits with Europe.

Joseph Luns, Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Nato), warned "my fellow Europeans" that they would be "doubly foolish" to ignore this isolationist factor. Otherwise, he said, the economic problems could lead to a U.S. military pullback that could only harm Europe.

"Prosperity is not a substitute for security," he said. Despite growing European wealth "nothing which has happened in Europe... has in any way reduced the vital importance to Europe of defense of the might and power of the U.S."

Mr. Luns said he had "a clear note of warning to some of my fellow Europeans" who will be negotiating with the U.S. in this year's major monetary and trade talks. These men, he said, must "approach these talks in a mood of compromise and understanding, so as not to jeopardize the all-important Atlantic security link."

Europe cannot "claim or aim to be" the superpower which the U.S. is, the Dutchman said.

Mr. Rockefeller said governments today "cannot ignore the U.S. balance of payments problem, because it exerts heavy domestic political pressure on the American administration. A more equitable arrangement, which will solve the economic difficulty without injuring security, must be worked out."

The conference was perhaps the largest and most glittering gathering of Europeans and Americans ever brought together to study transatlantic problems. The dominant theme was the need to keep tensions from driving the Western allies apart.

Jens Otto Krag, the former Danish Prime Minister, told the meeting that "criticism of America's Vietnam policy, which I share, should not obscure... the fact that the U.S. and Europe are united by close and deep ties."

## Dollar eases

LONDON (UPI). — The dollar eased fractionally around Europe's money markets yesterday and gold's price tumbled slightly at the close after touching a new high of \$90 at the afternoon fixing on London's free market.

## British trade show in Peking

TOKYO (AP). — The Trade Minister of Britain and China opened a British industrial technology exhibition in Peking yesterday amid optimism about development of Sino-British trade, a Peking broadcast said.

Chinese Foreign Trade Minister Pao Hsiang-kuo cut the ribbon for the exhibition by more than 340 companies at the Peking exhibition Centre. Pao said it would give the Chinese an opportunity to see "the fruits of the labour and wisdom of the British people."

The exhibition covers developments in aviation, machine tools, electronics, scientific instruments, chemical plant, mining and power generation equipment, the motor industry and other fields. It also will include reports and meetings on a wide range of scientific and technological items. Yesterday the London Philharmonic Orchestra left Canton for home after a 10-day tour of China.

## Jordan Information Minister resigns

AMMAN (UPI). — King Hussein yesterday accepted the resignation of Information Minister Mazan Abu Nawar, and appointed Adnan Abou Odeh to replace him, a royal court announcement said.

Jumaa Hamud, the editor of the semi-official "a-Dustour" newspaper, was named Chairman of the Arab National Union, filling the post held by Abou Odeh.

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FOAM. — Firemen in Tel Aviv used chemical foam yesterday to extinguish a blaze which caused tens of thousands of pounds of damage to the Ha'imum factory, manufacturers of vinyl shoe soles, in Rehov Stebel. They prevented the fire from spreading to the paint warehouse of the Tambour company, which is housed in the same building, but only after all the firefighting equipment in the city was called out. Two firemen were injured putting out the blaze. (Israel Sun)

## Campora in Rome to meet Peron

ROME (UPI). — President-elect Hector J. Campora of Argentina arrived yesterday to confer with former dictator Juan D. Peron on the formation of his Peronista government next May.

Italy's Minister of the Merchant Marine, Giuseppe Lupia, and a personal representative of Premier Giulio Andreotti greeted Campora.

## New Zealand warns France on atom tests

WELLINGTON (Reuters). — New Zealand warned last night that it would take France to the International Court of Justice if talks with the French Government over Pacific nuclear testing were not satisfactory.

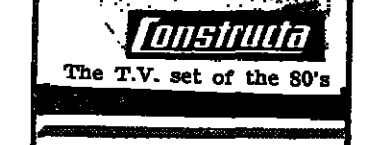
Prime Minister Norman Kirk told a press conference that the case against resumption of France's atmospheric nuclear testing programme at Mururoa Atoll would be taken independently of that being planned by Australia. He indicated that New Zealand will make a decision after Deputy Prime Minister Hugh Watt has held his scheduled talks in Paris late next month with the French Government.

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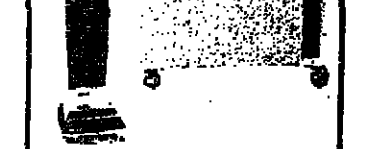
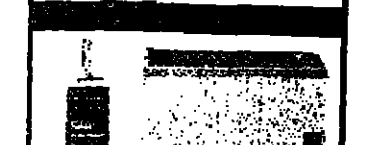
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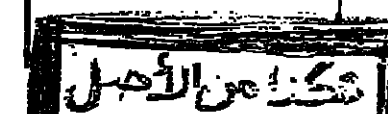
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## Femme fatale Woman, 70, wins report is false, says Ministry

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"The story of the 'lethal woman' who was forbidden to marry is a complete fabrication," the Religious Affairs Ministry spokesman said on Friday. The story was carried by a news agency out of Tel Aviv last week and picked up by several Israeli newspapers, including *The Jerusalem Post*.

The story claimed that a woman who had lost three husbands was forbidden to marry by the rabbinical courts under the Halachic ruling of "lethal women" — women who lose three husbands by natural causes.

The Religious Affairs Ministry spokesman, Moshe Alkiva Druck, said that an investigation revealed that the woman in question had requested the rabbinical court to grant her *halitza* (release from marrying her dead husband's brother). No one had brought up the question of her "lethality," the spokesman continued, and the woman herself flatly denied the agency story. "It is assumed that the published item emanated from her deceased husband's brother, who refuses to agree to the *halitza*," Mr. Druck added.

Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren said that the woman was not "lethal" under the Halacha, and if she were granted *halitza* she could marry again.

The Ministry spokesman noted that none of the rabbinical courts in Israel can recall a case where a woman who had lost three husbands was prevented from remarrying, since such a combination of circumstances is extremely rare.

TEL AVIV. — They make 'em tough in Dizengoff — even women of 70.

One evening at the end of last week a purse-snatcher lurked in the stairwell of a building in Rehov Dizengoff. When one of the tenants, a woman of 70, entered the building, he pounced on her and snatched her handbag. She resisted and managed to grab and tear his trousers. The would-be thief was forced to abandon them, running in his under-pants several hundred metres to where an accomplice waited in a car.

This was the story a police officer told the magistrate's court here Sunday in asking for the remand in custody of two brothers suspected of being involved in the attack. They were held for 15 days for inquiries.

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## Iraqi troops 'pull back' in Kuwait

BEIRUT — Iraqi troops have pulled back a short distance from Iraq's border with Kuwait, Beirut newspapers said yesterday.

Although Iraqi jet fighters still were making reconnaissance flights over Kuwait, the pullback was reported to have eased tension in the six-day-old border dispute.

Iraq was also reported to have reduced its military buildup on the border, withdrawing an undisclosed number of tanks as a goodwill gesture.

According to the Beirut newspaper, "Al-Naba", the conciliatory moves followed the return of Saddam Hussein, the strongman in Iraq's leftist regime, from a three-day visit to the Soviet Union.

The moves were also said to be a result of mediation by several Arab envoys led by Mahmud Riad, secretary-general of the 18-nation Arab League.

Speaking to reporters on his return to Cairo after visits to the two neighbouring countries, Mr. Riad said his "mission in Kuwait and Baghdad had succeeded."

He said recent border clashes between the two countries had resulted from the lack of a clear demarcation of their frontiers, and announced that a joint committee from the two countries would be formed shortly to delineate their common borders.

A high-level Iraqi delegation was in Kuwait today or tomorrow for direct negotiations on a "final demarcation" of the border.

(AP, Reuters)

## Tanzania not trying to invade Uganda — Somali mission

DAR ES-SALAAM (Reuters). — A three-man Somali mission inspecting the Tanzania-Uganda border area has found no evidence that Tanzania is planning to invade Uganda, the Somali ambassador here said yesterday.

Uganda radio said at the weekend that a 3,500-man force of Ugandan soldiers, Asians and Tanzanian troops, was preparing to invade Uganda.

Ambassador Abdulrahman Hussein said he had talked to the mission leader, Brigadier-General Nur Adow, a member of the Somali Revolutionary Council, who said that a thorough check of the whole border area had revealed no sign of the invasion force.

All Tanzanian troops were at least 10 km. from the frontier, and the mission had seen no suspicious troop movements whatever, General Adow said.

**'TUTSI MASSACRE'**  
The Tanzanian government newspaper "Daily News" said yesterday that invaders hacked to death survivors of Burundi air attacks on Tanzanian border villages 12 days ago.

The paper quoted Mr. Peter Jobbo, the regional commissioner responsible for the frontier area, as saying that 55 houses were destroyed by a group of Tutsi invaders who were acting as a complementary force to the straggling aircraft.

According to Mr. Jobbo, eyewitnesses said the ground troops killed with guns or machetes anybody who escaped the air attack. A pregnant woman was one of 45 who had been hacked to death.

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Sudanese President Ja'afar Numeiri arriving in London's Heathrow Airport on Sunday for a five-day state visit. At far left is his wife. (AP radio photo)

## Numeiri visits Sandhurst

LONDON (Reuters). — Sudanese security is surrounding the visit of President Ja'afar Numeiri yesterday, who British officials said may also discuss possible cooperation in training between the British and Sudanese armies.

General Numeiri is due to visit the British School of Infantry at Warminster, about 140 km. west of London, on Thursday morning. He will hold talks with Prime Minister Edward Heath here this evening after lunching with Queen Elizabeth Commonwealth army officers. Strict

## Rumanian leader urges end to military blocs

NEW YORK (AP). — President Nicolae Ceausescu of Rumania says military blocs are now an anachronism and should be abolished; he hopes a conference will be called to discuss the military problems of all states, seeking "the reduction and eventual withdrawal of foreign troops, and a reduction of national forces as well."

The Rumanian Communist leader expressed these opinions in an interview published on Sunday in "Time" magazine. He made these other points:

On the U.N.: "The abolition of military blocs should lead to a growing role for the U.N. Relations among states must be established on a new basis that respects the principles of the U.N. charter."

On the growth of the European Common Market: "The West European countries are moving toward an integration that could create a powerful economic — and eventually also a political — grouping. This poses a series of problems with respect to the development of cooperation among the European states. Cooperation must be built on full equality, with no restrictions," said the Rumanian President.

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## IRA: Truce depends on freedom for Sinn Fein

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (UPI). — The Irish Republican Army's Provisional Wing has said it might declare a truce in Northern Ireland if Britain gave "cast-iron guarantees" that its political front, Sinn Fein, could operate freely.

Provisional leader David O'Connell discussed conditions for a truce in an interview with three British reporters in the Irish town of Monaghan on Sunday night. The interview was published yesterday.

He said Britain would have to guarantee the lifting of the ban on political activity by Sinn Fein, put truce terms in writing and establish an effective liaison system between the provisionals and the British army to investigate breaches of the truce.

But he said he saw no possibility of a truce at this time, because of the British Government's "hard-line attitude" as reflected in last week's White Paper on Ulster's future.

In the present situation the IRA had no option but to continue its campaign of bombing and shooting, he said.

In guerrilla action yesterday, the IRA fired several Soviet-made rockets at a British armoured car and a police station. Gunmen also bombed a Protestant bar in Belfast. There were no casualties.

## PFLP in 'fusion' with Fatah

BEIRUT. — The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and Fatah are moving towards closer cooperation, terrorist leader Ahmad al-Yamani said on Sunday.

Yamani, known as Abu Maher, is a leader of the Marxist PFLP and its representatives on the executive of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). He was speaking at a rally at the Ain al-Hilwa refugee camp near Sidon, south Lebanon.

Yamani said that in order to create a stronger Palestinian national front, a "fusion" has started between his group, headed by George Habbash, and Fatah, led by Yasser Arafat.

He said this "fusion" may lead to actual unity between the two organizations.

He said this would be a way of retaliating against "the conspiracy of surrender," an allusion to efforts by some Arab governments towards a Middle East settlement.

(UPI, AP)

## Italians question two Jordanians on Rome deaths

ROME (Reuters). — A Rome magistrate yesterday was interrogating two Jordanians about the murder of a terrorist representative and the death of an Egyptian in Rome over the past six months.

The two Jordanians, Mohammed Adib Salem Hussein, 31, and 43-year-old Taleb Talab al Jabbari were arrested near Como in northern Italy on March 12 while travelling in a stolen car.

Both men are said to be former members of the Palestine Liberation Organization. They were brought to Rome Sunday at the request of an investigating magistrate.

The two men are being questioned about the October killing of Wael Adel Zuhair, an Al Fatah representative who was shot dead in the courtyard of his Rome apartment block.

The magistrate also wished to question them about the death of Yussef Jakub Kamel, an Egyptian found with his hands and feet bound near the Colosseum in Rome last month.

## Filipino troops kill 200 Moslems

MANILA. — The Philippines south-west command used ground troops, jet fighter planes and naval gunfire to kill 200 Moslems, part of a rebel force which occupied one town and tried to capture a provincial capital, military authorities said yesterday.

The fighting, which began on Thursday, marked the biggest single battle in terms of casualties between government forces and insurgents since President Ferdinand Marcos declared martial law on September 23.

Navy commander Gu Fernandez, the commander of the Philippine armed forces south-west command, said a force of 300 to 400 "Moslem revolutionaries" carrying automatic weapons seized Labangan town, 890 km. south-west of Manila, on Thursday and held it for two days before Government troops, supported by air and sea units, launched a counter-attack.

Military authorities have described the rebellion in the southern region, home of the Philippines' 3.5 million Moslem minority, as a secessionist movement aimed at establishing a breakaway state.

They said the uprising included "a handful of foreign troops," and estimated the rebel force at between 8,000 to 9,000 men.

The authorities said some rebels were "foreign trained" and armed with an assortment of Belgian and English-made automatic weapons, 7.62 calibre guns, grenade launchers and World War II weapons.

**BENGHAZI**  
Meanwhile, in a report from Benghazi, Libya, Tunisia Afrique Presse said that the conference of Islamic foreign ministers will ask Pope Paul to intervene in favour of the Moslems allegedly being persecuted by the Philippine government.

Opinion on the Philippine question has been split. Libya asked for a resolution calling on Moslem nations to break off relations with Manila, while Tunisia said that reinforcing ties with the Philippine government would do more to aid

Moslems there.

On Sunday, a mutilated seven-year-old Filipino boy was carried into the hall where the ministers were meeting, to support the persecution allegations.

Filipino envoy Yussef Abu Bakr was denying the accusations at a meeting of the political committees of the Islamic conference when a Filipino woman, Mrs. Noura Logman, interrupted him with shouts of "liar, liar."

The boy, Hareth Saleh, who was with her, had a hand and an ear missing. They were alleged to have been cut off by Filipino soldiers in the southern Philippines, where his parents were said to have been killed in the fighting.

A Libyan delegate carried him shoulder-high and Mrs. Logman, weeping hysterically, was removed from the hall.

The noise drowned the appeal of Mr. Abu Bakr to "build a bridge between the Philippines and the conference members."

(UPI, Reuters)

## 'Cuban diplomats gave U.K. details of Soviet spy network in London'

LONDON. — A Cuban diplomat fled from Britain to the U.S. and another recently was asked to leave Britain. Both cases were linked to alleged exposure of pro-Soviet spying activities, authoritative diplomatic sources said yesterday.

Government authorities confirmed the departure of the two diplomats, but maintained silence on the motives.

The Foreign Office said a Cuban diplomat, embassy second secretary Gerardo Peraza, left Britain at the end of 1971. The Cuban ambassador had reported him "missing."

The other, first secretary Aristides Diaz Rovira, "left recently," the Foreign Office said yesterday. The London "Evening News" reported yesterday that before fleeing Britain, Peraza revealed details of a Soviet spy network based on Latin American embassies in London.

The "News" said Peraza was now living in the U.S. and was advising American intelligence experts on Cuban affairs.

Peraza reportedly told security men before he left Britain that Cuban diplomats were having almost daily talks at the Russian embassy in London with intelligence bosses.

Another of his claims was that South Americans — many of them Moscow-trained — had taken over as espionage supervisors of Warsaw pact diplomats.

He is reported to have said the Cubans were achieving success because they were less suspect in their dealings with British politicians and officials than their East European counterparts.

According to the "News," in-

creased security surveillance of the Cuban embassy resulted in the departure from Britain recently of first secretary Rovira.

Rovira, who left about four weeks ago, was said by diplomatic sources to have been declared persona non grata, but the Foreign Office refused to confirm this.

A spokesman at the Cuban embassy said: "He was due to stay here but he had to return home because of domestic troubles. His wife's brother died."

The embassy declined to say whether Rovira would be returning to his post in London.

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Last date for submitting applications extended to April 4, 1973.

Further particulars concerning the above tenders have been posted on the bulletin boards in the Municipality's Personnel Department, Municipal Bldg., Kikar Melchai Yisrael, and at Municipal Information Bureaus.

Applications on "Applicant for Vacant Position Questionnaire" with curriculum vitae and qualifying certificates enclosed, should be submitted to the Personnel Department in a sealed envelope marked with the tender number.

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YEHOASHA RABINOWITZ  
Mayor

# TAKING THE BASSOON AROUND THE WORLD

By YOHANAN BOEHM  
Jerusalem Post Music Critic

WHEN bassoonist George Zukerman was here last to play with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, in 1950, he rubbed shoulders with first clarinetist Yona Ettlinger. Tonight, Ettlinger will conduct the Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra, in which Zukerman appears as soloist in the Mozart Bassoon Concerto. Now on a very short visit to Israel, he will give only one solo recital, at the Targ Music Centre in Elin Karem on Wednesday (and not on Thursday as previously announced), in a programme ranging from Baroque via romantic pieces to contemporary Canadian and Russian music written specially for him.

Zukerman was born in 1927 in London, where his father was the correspondent for some important Yiddish papers in the United States. At the beginning of World War Two his family travelled to New York where he joined the "High School of Music and Art."

One day, he and eighty other children were brought to the hall and told to choose a musical instrument from a pile in a corner. Shy little George (it's difficult today to think of this lively and stimulating man as shy) waited until all the others had their choice and there was only a rather large black box left. It turned out to be a bassoon and he has been playing it now for 33 years. Zukerman's stint with the IPO was his first full-time orchestra job.

Being a very active type, he could not resign himself to staying in an orchestra for a long period. From the IPO he went to Canada, where he joined the Vancouver Symphony, but he took to freelancing in 1964.

He believes he was the first bassoon player on the international concert circuit — he was the first soloist on this instrument to be invited to the Soviet Union (in 1969



George Zukerman and his instrument.

and then again in 1972). His concert tour have taken him all round the world, including Afghanistan, where the bassoon was heard by some 300 people and two camels, which looked over the fence at his open air concert.

Missing a plane out to India from there, he arrived so late for the concert that he had to "re-hearse" with his local pianist in the car driving from the airport to

the hall.

In New Caledonia, his instrument fell apart. As he drily says: "There are not many instrument repair people in New Caledonia," but he found some glue for gaskets in a garage behind his hotel which did the trick and held the bassoon together for some time.

Practising for a concert in a native instruments museum in the Fiji Islands, tourists thought he was playing one of the old Polynesian instruments, and wasted yards of film on him.

Zukerman is an earnest scholar of his instrument. He searches for manuscripts in archives everywhere and has prepared some forgotten scores for publishing. His repertoire includes over a hundred concertos (37 by Vivaldi) and several hundred other works. He also contributes to the "Contemporary Sound," performing pieces with electronic tape and producing "multi-phonics" sounds by request.

His main ambition: to rid his instrument of the rather derogatory characterization of a buffoon, the orchestra's clown, which has followed it all through the last few centuries. And another: he would love to be called the "Zukerman of the Bassoon." Instead, the complimentary titles affixed to him by enthusiastic critics like the "Casals of the Bassoon," the "Paganini of the Bassoon," and even, by a critic from Salt Lake City, "The Heifetz (sic) of the Bassoon."

## Couple with different approaches

AMERICAN MUSIC — Nancy Mandel, violin, Alan Mandel, piano (The Jerusalem Post) — March 25. Charles Ives: Sonata No. 3, for Violin and Piano; Elie Siegmeister: Sonata No. 4, for Violin and Piano; Ch. Ives: Fire Take-

## Music Reviews

off, for Piano; Six Studies for Piano; Ragtimes by Scott Joplin, Max Morath, William Albright, Paul Pratt.

NANCY Mandel is a violinist of high technical standard, who strives to produce the most pleasant tone. Her performance is restrained, whilst her pianist-husband seems possessed by the music and throws himself into extracting maximum precision, accentuation and impact on the listener, without always watching his decibels or the pedal. Master of a seemingly unerring technical facility, his reproduction of myriads of notes in high concentration (one of Ives' style characteristics) is really most impressive.

Facing so much new music in such intensity is not easy. Ives' early experimentation with harmony, rhythm and non-tonality was a considerable pioneering feat historically, but there seems no appealing or constructive ideas in contrast, form or development to justify the dissolution of traditional terms. The Ives Sonata is partly a mixture of Brahmsian romanticism and American popular tunes, with the piano being favoured to the detriment of the violin, the Siegmeister gives more emphasis to the latter — it was written in 1972 for the violinist, his daughter — though, stylistically it seemed to live under the shadow of Ives, whose sonata dates back 70 years (1902-14). In the second part the pianist displayed continuous fireworks, which, at first hearing, rather overwhelmed by their show of overflowing energy and uncompromising aggressiveness, becoming a bit tiring through employment of uniform texture and sound concentration. Alan Mandel's stamina and identification were really admirable.

The Ragtime Piano Group at the end provided much enjoyment — only the piano should have been out of tune to help create the right atmosphere for these tunes born in smoky bars and created on tinkly upright pianos.

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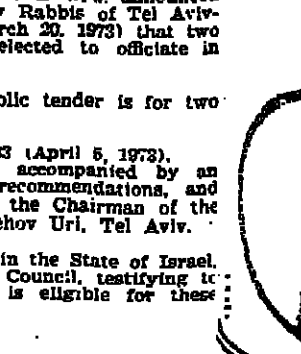
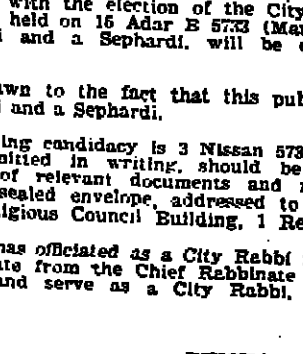
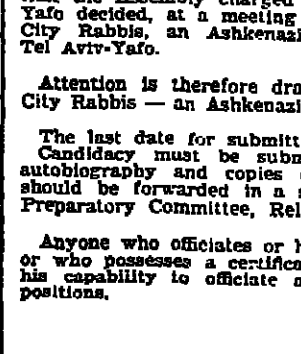
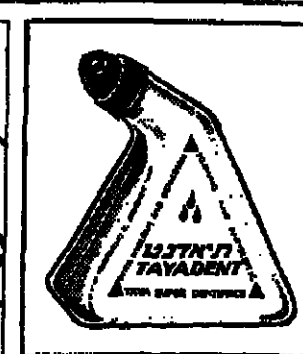
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The last date for submitting candidacy is 3 Nissan 5733 (April 5, 1973). Candidacy must be submitted in writing, should be accompanied by an autobiography and copies of relevant documents and recommendations, and should be forwarded in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, Religious Council Building, 1 Rehov Uri, Tel Aviv.

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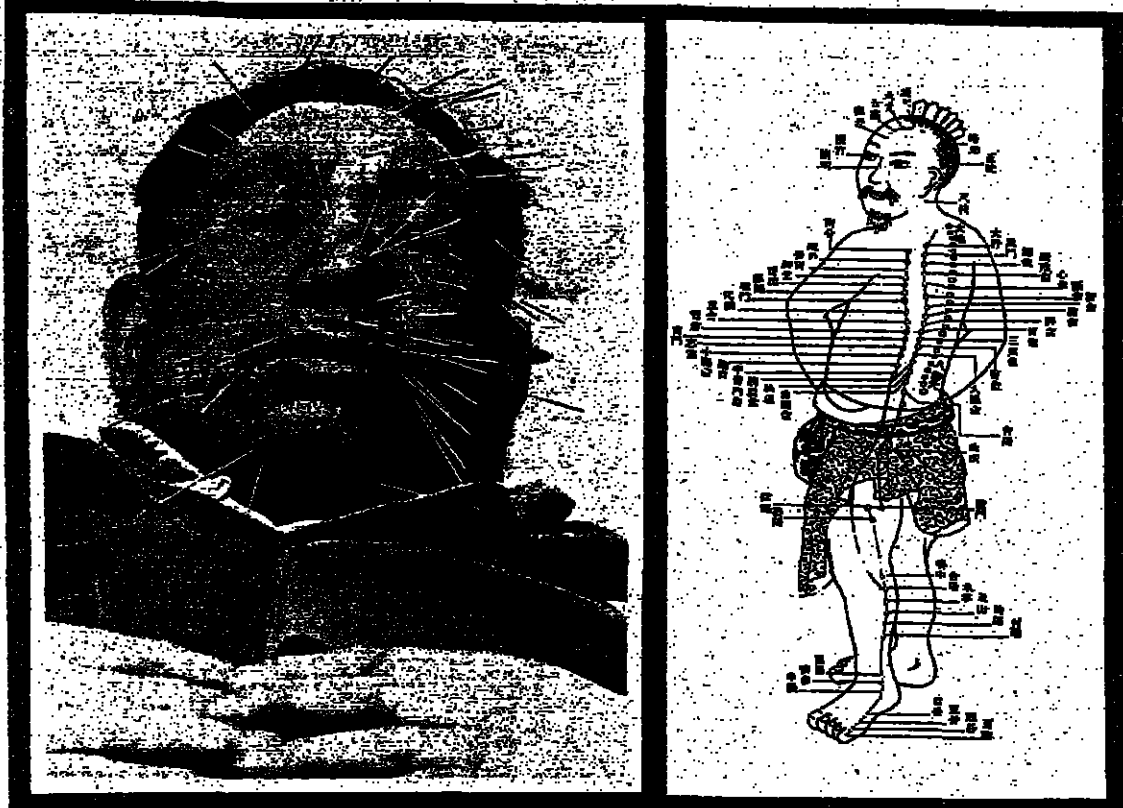
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# NEW LIGHT SHED ON THE SECRET OF ACUPUNCTURE



An acupuncture patient and an ancient chart of points for needles.

By NIGEL HAWKES

LONDON (Ona). — A LEADING Western expert on pain believes that he can account for the mysterious effects of acupuncture, the ancient Chinese technique which involves sticking many fine needles into specially-selected points on the human body.

After many years in which the technique was derided by conventional Western medicine, the improved diplomatic climate between the United States and China and the opportunity for Western correspondents to witness acupuncture operations at first hand has reestablished interest.

Correspondents have reported watching major surgery carried out without any anaesthetic, except the acupuncture needles. James Reston, the distinguished American correspondent, who was unfortunate enough to suffer severe appendicitis while on a visit to China, is himself a witness to the value of acupuncture in relieving post-operative pain — though the Chinese doctors who removed his appendix did so using a conventional anaesthetic.

## 'Gate theory'

How does anaesthesia by acupuncture work? According to Dr. Robert Melzack, a psychologist who has specialized in the study of pain, the effect of the needles can indeed be explained in terms of Western scientific ideas — and it is an explanation which most doctors will find a lot easier to stomach than traditional Chinese notions about Yin and Yang. Dr. Melzack, working at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with Professor Patrick Wall, formulated a widely-accepted theory of the so-called "gate theory" — of the human body experiences

at first sight," admits Dr. Melzack in the March issue of the UNESCO Journal Impact of Science On Society, "acupuncture analgesia seems to defy all current knowledge." But on closer examination, he says, the special properties of anaesthesia by acupuncture can be satisfactorily explained.

One mechanism may be the simple relief of anxiety. The amount of pain experienced by a patient, in China or the West, is dependent on his state of mind: the patient going to the dentist anticipating pain is very likely to experience it. Post-operative pain, as has been shown in Western hospitals, can often be reduced simply by giving patients sugar or salt tablets and assuring them that they are getting morphine.

## Works on animals

This belief, carefully fostered in Chinese medicine, that acupuncture relieves pain would be likely in itself to do something towards that end. More important, perhaps, since it has been shown that acupuncture also works on animals, are the possible neurological mechanisms. Dr. Melzack believes that two may operate. The first applies when the needles are inserted close to the operation. Then, he says, they may be able to stimulate large fibres in the nerves, blocking the nerve signals and preventing the patient from experiencing pain.

To explain how needles inserted a long way from the site of an operation can achieve the same effects, Dr. Melzack cites scientific experiments which show that certain areas of the brainstem (the lower part of the brain) seem to be associated with the transmission of pain. The electrical stimulation of this part of the brain in rats produces numbness over large areas of the animals' bodies, so that they

fail to respond to pinpricks, cold, pinching, or electrical shocks.

Furthermore, the anaesthesia lasts for some time after the stimulation has ceased. Exactly the same effect is observed in acupuncture operations: frequently the patient is able to walk cheerfully away from the operating table, and only begins to experience post-operative pain several hours later. If one assumes that this "controlling" part of the brain is linked by nerves to the acupuncture sites, then it is possible to guess stimulation of the sites may send messages to the brainstem which in turn inhibit the transmission of painful sensations from other parts of the body.

"My personal opinion," concludes Dr. Melzack, "is that the mechanisms are as follows. The patient's faith in the procedure as a result of long cultural experience, together with the explicit suggestion that the patient will feel no pain, greatly diminishes pain from the outset. Mild analgesic drugs (often used before the needles are inserted) would have the further effect of making the acupuncture procedure more tolerable, so that electrical stimulation through the acupuncture needles, or the twisting of the needles, is not felt as pain. The sensory stimulation itself would then activate brainstem areas that block the signals which are produced by surgical injury."

This explanation, Dr. Melzack admits, is pure conjecture, based on fragmentary information. Fortunately, now that the barriers between China and the West have begun to disappear the opportunities for learning more about acupuncture are increasing. Its potential benefits are very great, say Dr. Melzack, particularly for surgery in the elderly. Studying the ancient art, he believes, will also tell scientists a great deal about the general mechanisms of pain.

# Private bodies not subject to High Court

The High Court of Justice discharged an order nisi calling on the respondents to show cause why they should not rescind their decision not to accept the petitioners' bid in response to their call for tenders for building an old-age home in Afula.

The first respondent is an Ottoman Society founded for the purpose of putting up and running old-age homes in certain districts. The membership of the society is composed of representatives of local councils in the area, farmers living in the area and representatives of Kipat Holim and Maibena. The main part of the Society's finances come from the Joint Distribution Committee and about 10 per cent from the Local Councils.

The Society called for tenders for the construction of an old-age home in Afula, and despite the fact that the petitioners' bid was the lowest, they gave the contract to a rival company. The petitioners thereupon petitioned the High Court of Justice, arguing that although the Society is not a statutory public body, nevertheless it is composed mainly of representatives of local councils who use the Society for the purpose of fulfilling a public function normally entrusted to them, themselves, by law, and that this brought the Society within the scope of section 7(b)(2) of the Courts Law, 1957.

The petitioners argued, alternatively, that the High Court had jurisdiction in the matter by virtue of section 7(a) of the Courts Law, as the matter did not come within the jurisdiction of any other court or tribunal.

Section 7 of the Courts Law provides that: "(a) The Supreme Court sitting as a High Court of Justice shall deal with matters in which it deems it necessary to grant relief in the interests of justice and which are not within the jurisdiction of any other court or tribunal. (b) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of subsection (a) the Supreme Court, sitting as a High Court of Justice, shall be competent... (2) to order State authorities, local authorities and officials of State authorities or local authorities, and such other bodies and individuals, as exercise any public functions by virtue of law, to do or refrain from doing any act in the lawful exercise of their functions or, if they have been unlawfully elected or appointed, to refrain from acting."

The High Court granted the petitioners an order nisi and on the return day Mr. G. Leshem appeared for the petitioners, Mr. I. Bergman, Mr. I. Fuchs, Mr. Navat and Mr. I. Etzion appeared for the respondents and Dr. M. Chesnin, Assistant State Attorney, appeared for the Attorney General.

## Judgment

Justice Berinson, who delivered the main opinion of an augmented High Court, Justices Sussman and Cohn concurring, first discussed the scope of jurisdiction of the High Court under section 7(b)(2) of the Courts Law. A study of this section reveals, he held, that the competence which the High Court derives from it is dependent on the existence of two essential criteria: first, that the function performed by the body or individual concerned be a public function; and, secondly, that this public function be exercised by virtue of law.

On the other hand, he continued, it must be emphasized that this section does not make the High Court's competence conditional on

In the Supreme Court sitting as High Court of Justice

Before the President (Justice Agron), the Deputy President (Justice Sussman), Justices Berinson, Cohn and Kahn.

Arbet Brothers Ltd., Petitioners, v. Society for the Old in the Israel Valley Districts & Others, Respondents (H.C. 160/72)

High Court has no jurisdiction against private bodies

**LAW REPORT**

Edited by Doris Lankin

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 1973

the public body's being a product of any special law, or having its affairs determined or regulated by any specific law. In other words, the body concerned can be a legal body which functions and exists in accordance with the rule of law.

Justice Berinson then went on to consider the petitioners' alternative argument that the High Court was entitled to deal with their complaint in the interests of justice, as it did not come within the jurisdiction of any other court or tribunal. Section 7(a) of the Courts Law, he pointed out, on which the petitioners had relied for this argument, had opened the gates wide to additional relief from the High Court over and above the remedies provided for in section 7(b). This additional relief, he held, is available, contrary to the petitioners' contention, against bodies and individuals who do not come within the definition of the bodies and individuals referred to in section 7(b) (that is bodies and individuals who exercise a public function by virtue of law). In other words, he held, section 7(a) allows of the High Court's granting a petitioner relief against any body of any nature and any individual, whatever functions they might perform, as long as the two criteria specified in it exist: that is, as long as the High Court deems it necessary to grant the relief in the interests of justice and as long as no other court or tribunal has jurisdiction in the matter, as witnesses the series of precedents on the subject, with only one notable exception.

In the particular case under consideration, Justice Berinson went on to hold, the petitioners could obtain no remedy from any other court or tribunal. But, on the other hand, he was of the opinion that they did not warrant any relief in the interests of justice as, after all, the main share of the first petitioners' budget was borne by not-governmental bodies and there would appear to be no reason for not respecting their wishes with regard to the company which they had chosen to build their old-age home, on the principle of he who pays the piper calls the tune.

The order nisi should, therefore, be discharged.

Justice Kahn was of the opinion that there was no call in the present case to discuss the scope of the High Court's competence under section 7 of the Courts Law, as once it was established that the first respondent was not a statutory body and was not operated or managed by bodies or individuals who exercise public functions by virtue of law, then those obligations and restrictions by which governmental and local authorities are bound with respect to tenders do not apply to it. This in itself was sufficient to justify the discharging of the order nisi, even if section 7(a) of the Courts Law did in fact empower the High Court to issue orders against bodies not defined in section 7(b).

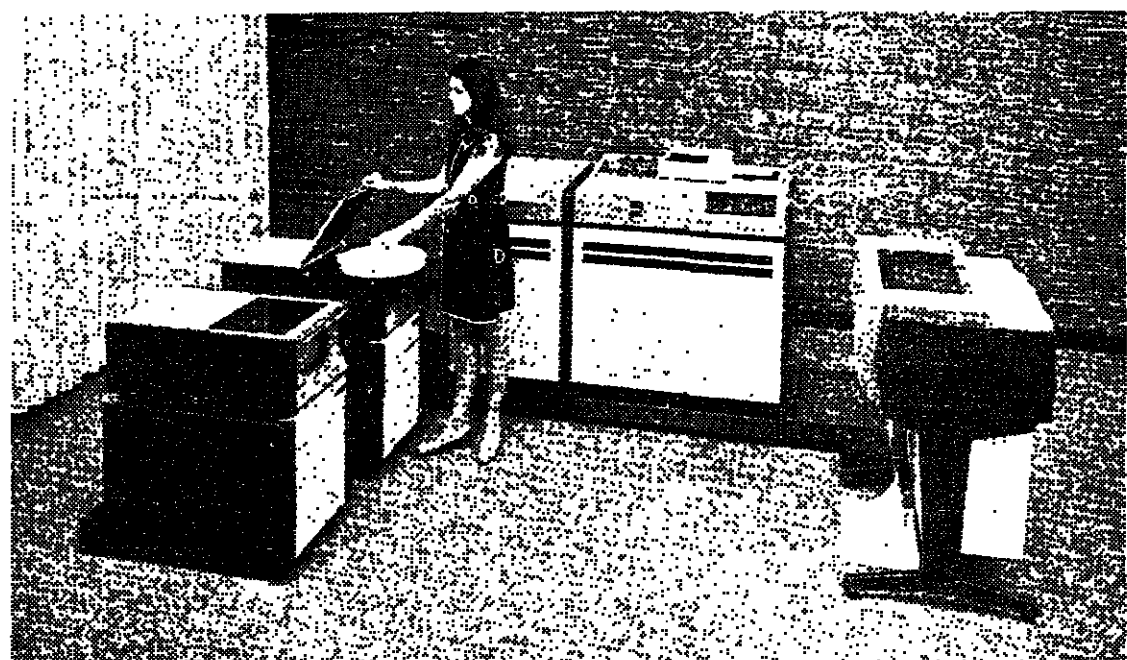
In short, held Justice Kahn, as the petitioners had shown no substantial cause for receiving an order absolute, the question of the High Court's jurisdiction was irrelevant.

The President concurred with Justice Berinson that the matter at issue did not come within the jurisdiction of the High Court by virtue of section 7(b)(2) of the Courts Law; and concurred with Justice Kahn's observation that there was no call in the present case to consider the scope of the jurisdiction vested in the High Court by section 7(a) in order to decide that even under this section the petitioners were not entitled to any relief.

Order nisi discharged with IL1,500 costs.

Decision given on February 27, 1973.

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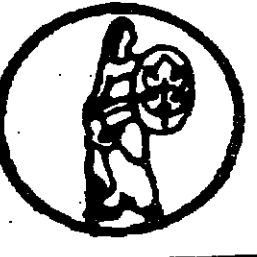


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## Ships sail as union lifts embargo

By YACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Merchant Marine Union, which had imposed a ban on the sailing of ships from Haifa, has lifted the embargo, following an all-night meeting with the Zim shipping company's manager, Moshe Kashi, in the presence of the Chief Labour Relations Officer in the Labour Ministry, Gideon Ben-Yisrael, last night from Sunday evening until four yesterday morning. It ended in agreement that Mr. Ben-Yisrael would continue intensive mediation efforts to reach a settlement of the officers' wage claims before the end of the week.

The Union secretaries then returned to Haifa Port to inform the officers of the five Zim ships that the embargo was lifted. Four of the ships, the Dree, Pal-Yam, Rahel and Rivka, which were about to sail on Friday when the strike was called, sailed during the day, and the m.s. Eshkol, which had been forced to stop unloading by the strike, resumed

work. The Zim management sent a wireless message to the Haviva in Limassol, ordering her back to Haifa.

The two sides agreed not to give any details of their negotiations to the press, but the Union leader, Mr. Kashi, who is representing all the shipping companies in the negotiations, was optimistic on the chances of bridging the gap between the 40 per cent rise the companies have offered over the next two years and the Union's demand for a 100 per cent rise this year.

But the vigorous stand taken by the Cabinet on Sunday, which empowered the Transport Minister to take emergency action to keep the shipping lanes open, may go over the heads of convincing the Union that they must reach an agreement.

Both sides appear to feel that their best hope is to keep the negotiations quiet. The glare of publicity would make it difficult for the companies to raise their offer sufficiently to enable the Union to save face in the eyes of their members, and the officers to accept the very much lower rise which they apparently will have to accept.

## H.U. agriculture faculty goes over to credits system

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT. — The Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture has adopted the credits system, allowing students to pick subjects in special fields of interest. Professor Yair Mundlak, dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, told a press conference on Sunday.

The faculty, now entering its 30th year, has an enrolment of 1,200 students, 300 of whom are studying for their M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees. An agreement has been reached with the Agricultural Research Organisation for students to take specialized courses there.

Prof. Mundlak voiced strong opposition to the creation of small rural schools of higher learning. He believes students benefit more from a centralized faculty, offering a spectrum of subjects.

He said there was a growing number of students from kibbutzim and moshavim studying at the faculty. Over 300 such students are now taking special intensive courses which take place during the summer vacations. The course lasts three years instead of the usual four.

Yesterday, ground was broken at the campus for a new 3,000-square-metre teaching and laboratory institute sponsored by I.C.A. (Jewish Agricultural Association). Attending the ceremony were Sir Henry W. F. W. Goldsmid, British M.P. and World President of I.C.A., and other members of the organization's International Council.

## WALL STREET

### Uneven day on the market

NEW YORK (AP). — Prices opened higher, became mixed, then spurted ahead on the stock market yesterday as trading continued to reflect uncertainty about the market and the economy in general.

The market opened with what analysts described as a technical rally. By noon, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks began falling, and advancing stocks held only a slight lead over declines. But the Dow Jones rallied later, to close at 927.90, up 5.19.

The higher prices on the market were attributed by analysts to a technical rally following price de-

## Court rules sailor's leave vital to work

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Regional Labour Court recently ruled that two Israeli seamen injured in traffic accidents in foreign ports while returning to their ships from shore leave, are entitled to "work accident compensation."

One of the men was injured when the taxi in which he was returning to the ship in an African port at 2 a.m. collided with another vehicle. The other man was run over while returning to his ship in Trieste after four hours on shore, which he was allowed when the ship arrived after a week at sea.

The court ruled that a seaman's going ashore for amusement and recreation after a long trip at sea should be considered as vital for his work. It benefited the employer, as it made the man fitter and more relaxed for his work.

## PAY BOOST FOR S. AFRICA BLACKS

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — Nearly 400,000 black South African mine-workers are to receive pay increases of about 25 per cent, the Chamber of Mines has announced.

The Chamber said the increases would take effect within the next few months. They would be made possible by a re-examination of African job structures.

Black wage rates in the mines are not published.

## Pat Boone to make Christmas TV film

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Actor and singer Pat Boone is to arrive in Israel next week to shoot a film called "Christmas in Bethlehem." Mr. Boone announced before his departure. The film will follow 700 pilgrims round Israel.

Production will be taped in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and Tiberias between April 5 and April 18. It will be shown on American television next Christmas.

## 21% of building workers in Israel Arabs from areas

Jerusalem Post Reporter

One out of every five construction workers in Israel last year was an Arab from the administered areas.

Reporting on its latest survey of workers from the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Northern Sinai, the Central Bureau of Statistics said they comprised 21 per cent of the country's building workers, compared with 17 per cent in 1971.

In all, 52,000 workers from the "areas" were employed here last year, making up approximately five per cent of Israel's civilian labour force. In 1971, they made up only three per cent of the total. According to the Statistical Bureau, the Arabs working in Israel earned more than those employed in the territories, averaging IL17 per day compared to IL11.

## Skin-diving site slated for Ophira

HAIFA. — The Tourism Ministry has granted the Under-water Archaeology Society IL80,000 for the development of a skin-diving site at Ophira. (Sharm e-Sheikh). The Jerusalem Post learned.

The site, described by Society members as "one of the most beautiful in the world," was discovered last year, when divers explored the wreck of an ancient freighter. They say the grant will also make it possible to protect the site from coral poachers.

The society divers also discovered, at nearby Na'aman Baylet, remnants of what they believe to be Phoenician stone anchors, and large pottery jars believed to be 2,000 years old.

## TEL AVIV STOCKS

Trading remains slow

TEL AVIV. — The stock market yesterday moved again somewhat lower as has been the trend during the last few days. Trade was slow. Turnover totalled only IL1.7m., with IL981,000 in the variables.

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Jack Birns, president of Birns and Sawyer (and a new settler in Jerusalem), left for Hollywood this week to persuade moviemakers to do some shooting in Israel. His company can supply the film production equipment on a rental basis.

Originally located in Hollywood, B & S started functioning in Israel in 1970. It has an office and stores in Tel Aviv (on the premises of the Ramat Aviv Hotel), and last week opened a second office in Jerusalem, in the grounds of the New Orient House Hotel.

The company has "outfitted" most of the film-making done in Israel during the last two years, including "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Salomonco," "Flood" and others.

Mr. Birns started as a writing journalist, but moved to photography, becoming full-time photographer for "Life" magazine in the Far East.

He has settled in Israel with his wife Shayne and their seven children. Birns and Sawyer will split into two separate companies. Mr. Sawyer will head the American half, while Mr. Birns concentrates on developing the new venture in Israel.

## Shikun U'fituah to build 1,150 flats for young couples

The Shikun U'fituah housing company is to build 1,150 apartments for young couples; registration begins this week.

Company spokesman Aharon Gengen said in Netanya on Sunday that the apartments were going up in Netanya, Ramatana, Hod Hasharon, Bat Yam, Lod, Rehovot, Jaffa, Akula, Kiryat Yam, Kiryat Motzkin, Tsar Shalom and Safad.

There are two types of apartments — 42-69 square metres for IL40,000 to IL52,000, and 68-72 square metres for IL60,000 to IL67,000. Couples who married after October 1, 1968, or who are now registered for marriage are eligible to sign up for these flats.

Meanwhile, the Lands Administration has announced it is setting aside land in Kiryat Ono for the Histadrut's Shikun Ovdim housing company to build 84 flats for young couples.

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## C.P. Air profits up 150% in 1972

Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

Canadian Pacific Air has announced a 150 per cent increase in net profits for 1972, compared with 1971. The airline's representative in Israel, Mordechai Keren, said the respective figures were \$3.2m. and \$2.1m.

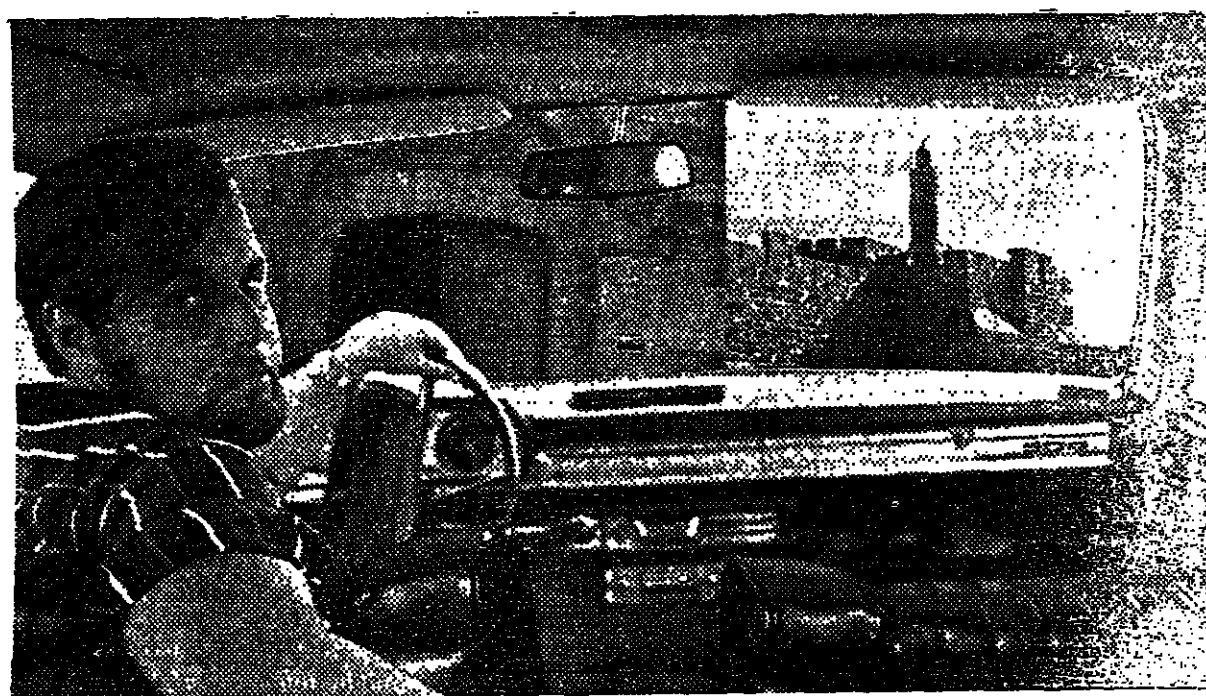
Total passenger revenue for the year reached \$141.7m., despite a 12-day suspension in operations in January due to a strike of flight control officers. The load factor of 63.5 per cent was the highest in the company's history.

The company's thrice-weekly Israel schedule contributed to the boost, with a 50 per cent increase in passenger load in both directions.

A major extension of C.P. Air services is due with the opening of a regular line from Vancouver to Peking, via Shanghai. The exact schedule is not yet known, but the inaugural is expected some time this summer, with frequency depending on demand, and China's ability to accommodate tourists.

Flight plans call for a refuelling stopover in either Alaska or Japan. The airline already flies a far eastern route to Hongkong and Japan. The Chinese have received reciprocal landing rights in Vancouver and Ottawa.

C.P. Air operates a fleet of 23 jets, comprising 12 DC-8s, seven Boeing 737s and four 727s. The airline's Boeing fleet will be augmented by the end of this year with the acquisition of two 747 Jumbos at a cost of \$58m.



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## REVOLUTION WITH SYRIA

THE reports of an Arab-Jewish spy ring that operated from Damascus and planned to bring down the Israel government by "revolutionary struggle" and assassinate prominent Israelis, including Defence Minister Dayan, have weighed heavily on the public mind since last December.

For as long as they held the Golan Heights the Syrians fired artillery shells at Israeli fishermen on Lake Tiberias and on the neighbouring settlements. Israelis who chanced to be captured by the Syrians on the border were imprisoned, ill-used or tortured until most of them lost their minds and returned as wrecks. What led these young men to their suicide mission? Could any of them believe that cooperation with the Syrian regime could bring enlightenment, peace and justice to Israel?

One is inclined to view the Jews and Arabs in the group differently. The Arabs might feel that even if they did not succeed in setting up a revolutionary system here they would be able to find refuge in the Arab world and perhaps claim some credit for having harmed Israel. Did the Jewish members believe that the Syrians would deal kindly with them once they had helped "to break Israel's military might" in order to bring about political compromise?

The only possible conclusion is that the Jews at least were caught up in a kind of political insanity that could plan revolution totally divorced from the particular circumstances of Israel. Dan Vered apparently

learned his revolutionary style in the United States, where even the forcible ousting of a government does not involve giving military information to an enemy who has engaged in sporadic hostilities for decades. And in fact, Vered claims he was surprised to find himself meeting an enemy agent in Damascus, having perhaps expected to meet only another campus-style revolutionary.

Adiv was more practical, making arrangements for money, arms and explosives to be supplied by Syria. He did not claim in his defence that he had been deceived by the Syrians. Did he never stop to ask himself whether the Syrians were not simply happy to find an Israeli who would supply military information with such blind enthusiasm?

We have been told that the ring was broken before it moved into an active phase, and that it had not yet succeeded in doing much harm. They have in fact done a great deal of harm, for apart from the intrinsic value of any military or other information they may have given, they planted the seed of an idea in Damascus: that Israel's defences may be penetrated cheaply by means of left-wing agents. There are more trials to come, and they probably will not differ much from the first. Whatever their outcome it is time to realize that military superiority alone is not enough if political infighting produces disillusioned young men who can be drawn into so juvenile a trap as that laid in Damascus for these would-be revolutionaries.

# Big change coming over British politics

By DEEKE INGRAM

LONDON (Gems). — EVEN a comparatively sophisticated electorate like Britain's has always contained a large number of people who would vote for a wax effigy if it was labeled "Your Conservative candidate" or "Your Labour candidate."

In the 'fifties and 'sixties the machines of the two major parties became so powerful that they ran roughshod over the people — more often than not over the Members of Parliament themselves. They took for granted that the mass of their followers would always be there to vote for them and that in Parliament the mass of MPs would always toe the party line whatever the issue.

This is not quite the case today. The parties are beginning to learn at last that they have been living in something of a fool's paradise and one man has punched the lesson home hard to them: Queen's Counsel Dick Taverne.

It is much too early to say whether, when Taverne won the Lincoln by-election this month, he struck a lasting and historic blow to the party machine, but what is certain is that he clearly humbled it.

Taverne, fair, handsome and 44, had been the Labour Member for Lincoln since 1962. He strongly favours the European Economic Community and he voted with the Con-

A by-election result has cast doubts on the future of the 'two-party system.'

servative Government for Britain to join it. When his local Labour Party carpenter decided to fight a by-election as "Democratic Labour" and the Labour Party put up its own official candidate to oust him.

The very professional Taverne — presenting himself to the constituents as a "knight in shining armour" whose honesty is whiter than white — won by a handsome 13,191 votes.

It is a more than interesting political incident. The important question is whether it is any more than an incident. Does it have long term significance?

From time to time, the British voter gets adventurous at by-elections, which he knows will not decide who is to rule the country, and then meekly returns to a normal voting pattern at the next general election.

This capriciousness has given the Liberal Party in particular a frus-

trating history, sometimes making spectacular headway for itself between elections only to be submerged again at general elections. Since the last general election in 1970 for instance, the Liberals have again won two seats, increasing their strength from six to eight. Yet this time weightier forces may be at work among the British electorate. The mood of anger with both major political parties for repeatedly promising one bag of goodies before an election and opening a totally different bag after the election is no longer necessarily a passing one. Especially is this true of the young voters.

For half-a-century, British politics have centred around a "two-party system" with the Liberal Party never holding more than a handful of seats. Background noise for a third party or "third force," as it is now being called, has ebbed and flowed. It has never been louder than it is today and once more there is talk about how such a force could emerge from the political disarray in which the parties now find themselves.

It has always seemed to sensible people that the difference in outlook between the more radical members of the Tory Party, the Liberals and the right wing of the Labour Party is minimal. It would seem perfectly possible, for example, for Roy Jenkins, deputy leader of the

Labour Party until a few months ago and one-time Chancellor of the Exchequer, Jeremy Thorpe, leader of the Liberal Party, and Dick Taverne to sit down together as members of the same Cabinet. In fact, they might be members of a more compatible Cabinet than some that have ruled Britain in recent years.

The two-party system, however, prevents such a Cabinet from ever being formed except in an emergency, as in World War II.

In the end, of course, it all depends on the political ambitions of the people concerned and whether they believe that they can obtain more personal power by means of a new party or force, or by remaining in their present parties and waiting for the tide to turn. Can Mr. Jenkins see his way through the Labour labyrinth to leadership of the party, or does he see power coming to him more easily by leading a new party that would work with the Liberals and if necessary join them in a coalition government?

Certainly Mr. Thorpe must see his only chance of power as being in a coalition of some kind.

But the lesson of the past, as the two big parties are only too quick to point out, is that new parties quickly run into the sand. They do not have the financial resources, nor enough major political figures, to begin to compete.

And then other questions arise: a weakening of the two parties could lead to instability, with the so-called third force, which might consist of two or three parties, including the Liberals, holding the balance of power.

Nevertheless, if the people were offered such a choice at this moment they would probably go for a new situation: a breaking of the current political pattern. Even the conservative "Times" inspired by its highly politically-minded Conservative editor William Rees-Mogg, has suggested it would like to see this third force emerge.

Rees-Mogg, Thorpe and Taverne are friends from college days, and it is an open secret that they have together surveyed the political scene on the right with some foreboding: the complete annihilation of the old Conservative left (Maclean dead, Maudling retired, hurt, Boyle and Butler out of politics) worries them a lot. The rise of Powellism, which could yet take over the Tory Party, worries them even more.

All the indications are that the whole British political scene is undergoing a fundamental change. This, maybe, holds within it dangers, but it also may be democratically healthy, for it seems to show that the selector is becoming more independently minded and less inclined to vote for wax effigies.

## THE PRICE OF PERMISSIVENESS

With Prejudice ! by Alex Berlyne

THE author of "The Female Eunuch," Miss Germaine Greer, recently published a clarion call in "The Sunday Times" with the catchy title: "It's time VD was socially accepted."

Her thesis, briefly stated, runs as follows: "The decline in sexual hypocrisy means less stress, and hence less neurosis, then we ought to consider the increase in the incidence of unwanted pregnancy and of venereal disease as a relatively low price to pay."

On her own admission "gonorrhoea is second only to the measles as the most prevalent contagious disease in England. In fact there has been a 400 per cent increase in the incidence of female gonorrhoea during the last decade, an undoubted accompaniment of the permissive society. This is dismissed by Miss Greer, in a place of outrageous sophistry: "The increase in the number of women attending clinics is a welcome phenomenon." A consultant venereologist soon dealt with the flaw in this argument. Dr. A.S. Wigfield, of Newcastle General Hospital, asked in a letter to "The Sunday Times": "If we ever get a cure for cancer, are we to hope that we all suffer from it in order to boast how many we cure?"

Steep climb Both syphilis and gonorrhoea have climbed steeply from an all-time low in the mid-50's, partly due to the growing resistance of the organisms to antibiotics and partly to the fact that the strident advocates of sexual permissiveness were unaware of this and were proclaiming that "VD is no worse than a bad cold." I don't intend to deal with the pathology of these diseases here, their horrors are widely known, but I do wish to remind Miss Greer and her ilk that it may not always be apparent to the sufferer that he or she is infected. A recent ad for "Cosmopolitan" magazine featured an article entitled "Half a million girls don't know they've got it."

Suffice to say that the price, in mortality, ill-health, and infection of the yet unborn, is rather steeper than our heroine seems to think.

It is by no means clear that the benefits suggested by Miss Greer do in fact exist. Dr. Wigfield summed this point up rather neatly. "Twenty-five per cent of female gonorrhoea patients are innocently infected wives. Some 35 per cent are innocently infected girl friends. The price of sexual freedom is paid by others than those who find freedom from neurosis. Greater stress and more neurosis is the outcome." His views found support in a letter from a social worker, Valerie Mowbray, who stated: "The daily harvest of mental disturbance and emotional stress has increased alarmingly since the advent of 'sexual freedom'."

### Gigantic mirror

In a recently-published book, "The Numbers Game," Harry Hopkins wrote: "In modern society our consciousness, idea of ourselves, life-style even our morals are increasingly shaped by statistical findings which are returned into powerful social artefacts by continuous projection into the gigantic two-way mirror of the media." It would be unfortunate if Germaine Greer's bit of dottiness helped to shape an increasingly disease-ridden society.

Ingmar Bergmann's films do seem to have had an effect on the Swedish legislature which, if press reports are to be believed, is contemplating making incest legal. Since the incest-obsessed 18th century when, for instance, Byron engaged in some light housekeeping with his half-sister Augusta Leigh, nobody has paid much attention to the subject

apart from the Swedish film director. Granted, the "News of the World" would occasionally reveal such distressing goings-on as those engaged in by the Mayor of West Hartlepool and several of his daughters, but nobody actually advocated it as a life-style.

Interestingly enough, the State of Israel seems to have no inclination to prosecute people for incest, so I imagine the editor of "Ha'Olam Hazeh" and other copy-cats will be somewhat disappointed. Jews have always been rather lax in this matter, probably because of Father Abraham's domestic arrangements, and the unions of uncles and nieces, say, or of first cousins, have been sanctioned in Jewish law though prohibited. For example in the U.K. and in some states of the U.S.A.

My own objection, albeit a slight one, is that it's so confusing.

### Family tree

My maternal grandparents were first cousins (I can hear the geneticists among my readers saying "Aha!") and nobody could ever work out the family relationships, especially my brother who occasionally amused himself by sketching the family tree. When it comes to the Pharaohs and their brother-sister marriages, the whole thing defies understanding and I have the distinct impression that Tutankhamun was his own grandmother.

Lately, the newspapers seem to have been full of reports of cannibalism and I feel it's only a matter of time till Germaine Greer or some other publicist demands that it be made socially

acceptable. Following the bargain-price meat affair in Santiago Chile, there have been two recent manifestations after air crashes in remote parts of the world, first in the Andes and then in Arctic Canada. Both seem to have been of the type which provided a very amusing sequence in Charlie Chaplin's "The Gold Rush," where the Tramp's starving companion in a snow-bound Yukon shack visualised him as what the modern euphemism would term a "protein source." I say "seem," because the cannibals themselves are usually the only survivors and the only witnesses to what in fact occurred.

### Creating cadavers

The eating of cadavers under these circumstances was recently defended in these columns by the Director of Shaare Zedek Hospital who took it at its face value and condoned it, perhaps rightly as "pikaresque." However, someone with a nasty, suspicious mind like mine would remember an example from the history of medicine which might also apply under the circumstances. Burke and Hare, the resurrection men, were not content to pillage cemeteries for cadavers to sell to the Edinburgh anatomists. They began to create cadavers by wielding a knife in the city's lonely closes.

Martin Hartwell, the cannibal pilot who ate his 23-year-old nurse, suffered two broken legs in the crash yet David Kootook, the Eskimo boy who accompanied them together with his aunt, unaccountably failed to survive the 32-day ordeal, though he was

originally in better shape than the survivor. Certainly, the members of the famous Donner party, caught by the winter in the mountains of California in 1846 did not wait upon natural causes to provide them with food, killing, among others, two Indian guides sent to help them. This presents a completely new dilemma, and one which the Halleluists does not subscribe to. In Thackeray's famous poem "Little Billee," it is summed up in these words: "To gorging Jack says gurgling Jimmy. We've nothing left. Us must eat we."

### Strong aversion

Perhaps the most curious example of modern times, and certainly the most expensive, dwarfing the \$4,000 meal consumed by King Hussein's party in Palm Beach (and recently reported in these columns), was the eating of the Rockefeller heir by Papuans a few years ago.

The sudden rash of similar occurrences this year has produced a strong aversion to the subject in your correspondent. I shudder when I hear old time favourites like "You're delicious," "You're delightful," "You're lovely" or, even worse, "A cup of coffee and sandwich and you."

The way things are, Miss Greer has no shortage of causes and when she finally gets to see Marlon Brando in "Last Tango in Paris," which I believe is a re-run of the film, she is to be shown uncut. I don't doubt she'll shortly be stoutly defending sodomy as a desirable experience. The famous, or infamous scene where the Great Mumbler employs butter as a sexual lubricant upset a London housewife who wrote to one of the Sunday papers, "With butter the price is today I think it's disgusting that it should be put to such use."

## Dry Bones



## Readers' letters

### HELPING SOVIET JEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I recently read in your newspaper Sarah Honig's report of the meeting between Jewish scientists from Russia and the delegates of the American Medical Association's conference.

I was astonished to find from the report that I "denounced the failure of Western Jewry to come to the aid of Soviet Jews." This, mildly speaking, is a wild exaggeration. In fact, I had been very happy to discover — and I don't know why — at the meeting — that Western Jews are so warm, frank and kind and that they try to help Russian Jews as much as they can, though they often don't know what should be done. As was indicated by your re-

porter, they don't send food parcels — thank goodness, because it would be the most useless thing in the world. People who want to help jobless Jews usually send clothes, which are easily sold there.

What I really said was, that of all the people who volunteered to make the telephone calls to Moscow Jews in order to know the situation and how to help, only 15 per cent kept their promise. But from this statement to the "failure of Western Jewry" is a very long way and I don't know why your reporter had to go to the end. It certainly doesn't encourage me to do more speaking.

DE YULIA SCHMOOKLER  
Haifa, March 15.

### CHANGES IN SWISSAIR TIMETABLE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In your issue of March 14, you published a news item in which I was cited as having announced the previous day to your reporter certain changes in the Swissair timetable and the introduction of DC-10 planes.

I wish to state that I made no such announcement to any Jerusalem Post reporter, neither on the day indicated in your article, nor before that.

As a matter of fact, Swissair has

planned the introduction of new equipment but this has not received Government approval. Apparently your reporter assumed that the previously announced long-range plans of Swissair had materialized.

BRUNO GREIF  
Swissair Representation Israel  
Tel Aviv, March 16.

NOTE: — The report published on March 14 did not state that Mr. Greif made his announcement to a Jerusalem Post reporter. It was in fact applied to The Post by Mr. Yasser Ben Amir whom we believed was acting on behalf of Mr. Greif. — Ed. J.P.

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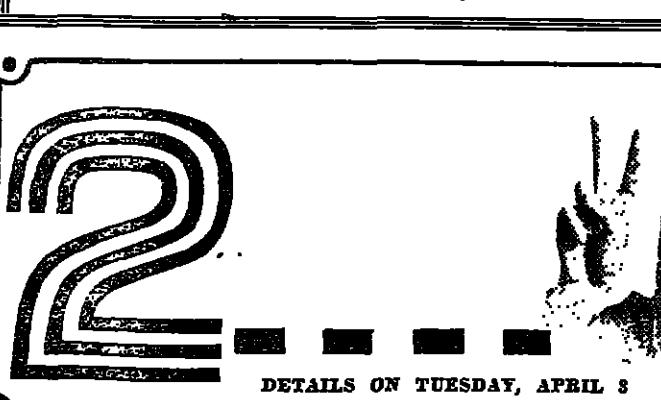
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